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–BILLIE JEAN KING,
at Springfield College, May 15

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–KAMALA HARRIS,
to the class of 2022, at Tennessee State University, May 7

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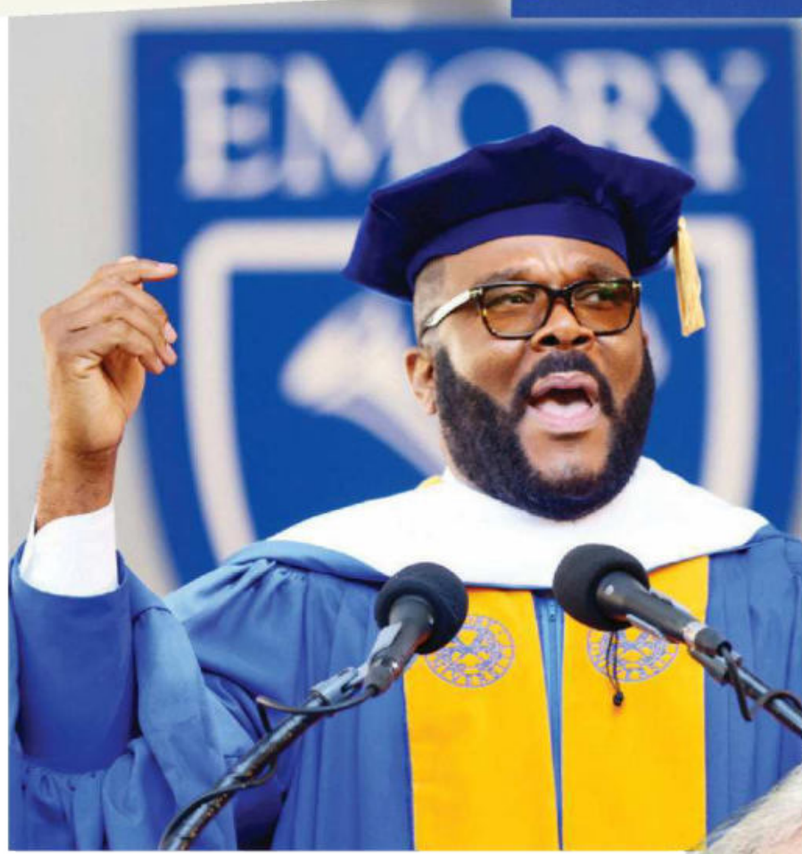
–MARIA SHRIVER,
at the University of Michigan, April 30

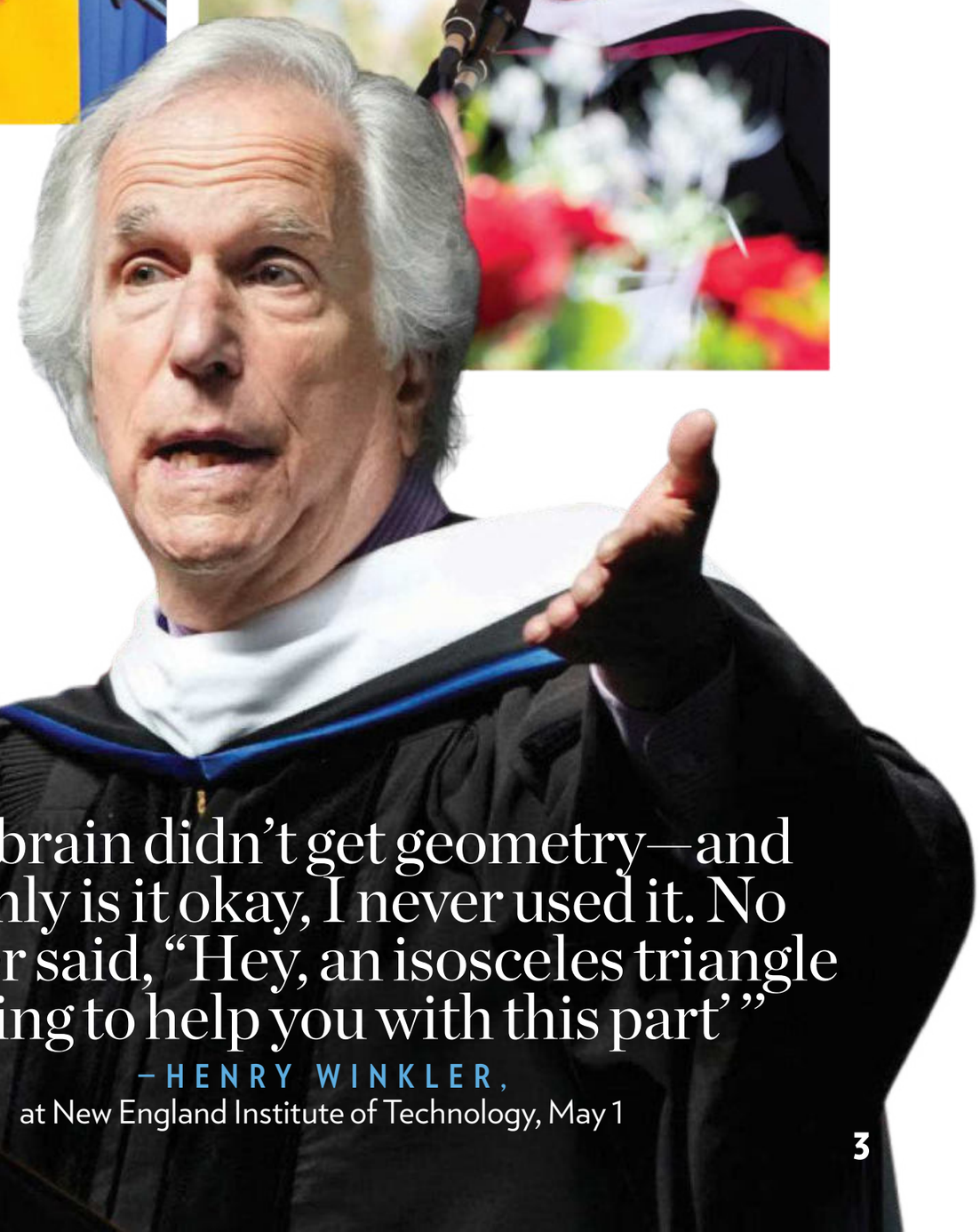


'When you are the one at the table with the least privilege, speak up'

–ABBY WAMBACH,
at Loyola Marymount University, May 7

'I'm 52-years-old, and I'm still meeting professors. And what that means is anyone who comes into your life, anyone who comes to teach you something, to bring value... those people count as professors'

–TYLER PERRY,
at Emory University, May 9



'This brain didn't get geometry—and not only is it okay, I never used it. No one ever said, "Hey, an isosceles triangle is going to help you with this part'"

–HENRY WINKLER,
at New England Institute of Technology, May 1

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5 Things We're Talking About *this week!*

The duo shared the news with a TikTok duet.

1 Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton return to *The Voice*

The married musicians announced they'll both be back as judges on season 22 of the NBC singing competition this fall. Joining them in the red chairs: John Legend and *Voice* newcomer Camila Cabello.

2 Apple discontinues the iPod

The music player that first launched in 2001 is ready for its swan song. Apple announced it'll cease producing the iPod Touch since, well, practically every other device now plays music. We miss our itty-bitty iPod Shuffle.

At one point the shirtless singer raises the little one over his head à la Lion King!

3 Harry Styles hangs with a baby

Stylers swooned over the Grammy winner cuddling a cute fan-to-be between takes of making his "As It Was" music video in newly released behind-the-scenes footage.

4 Gwyneth pretends to sell pricey diapers

Paltrow's lifestyle brand Goop announced the Diapér, a 12-pack costing $120, made of "virgin alpaca wool" and fastened with gemstones. The stunt aimed to raise awareness about diaper taxes.

5 Lionel Messi is the world's highest-paid athlete

Talk about goals: The Argentine soccer star's $130 million earnings put him atop *Forbes*' 2022 list. The NBA's LeBron James and soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo raked in $121.2 million and $115 million, respectively.

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"We just have fun with fashion!" says stylist Elizabeth Stewart.

"Rebel glows when she smiles," says hairstylist Robert Vetica.

Behind the scenes with *Rebel!*

Fresh from hosting the BAFTA Awards in London, Rebel Wilson arrived at her *People* cover shoot in Los Angeles ready to rock. With Megan Thee Stallion and Saweetie blasting, Wilson posed for photographer Cliff Watts in glam gowns including a sparkly Jenny Packham design (left), a flowing blue Alberta Ferretti and a plunging green Badgley Mischka. "Rebel is open to anything but has her own chic style," says stylist Elizabeth Stewart. For her beauty look, makeup artist Molly R. Stern went for a "super-fresh" vibe while hairstylist Robert Vetica gave the star tousled waves. The goal, he says, was "for Rebel to look her best and feel amazing." —**BRITTANY TALARICO**

TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM CENTER: BRIAN KENDALL

GET THE LOOK

The Hair

Hairstylist Robert Vetica used this flexible-hold hairspray to set Wilson's "easy, breezy" waves.

R+Co Outer Space Flexible Hairspray, $33;
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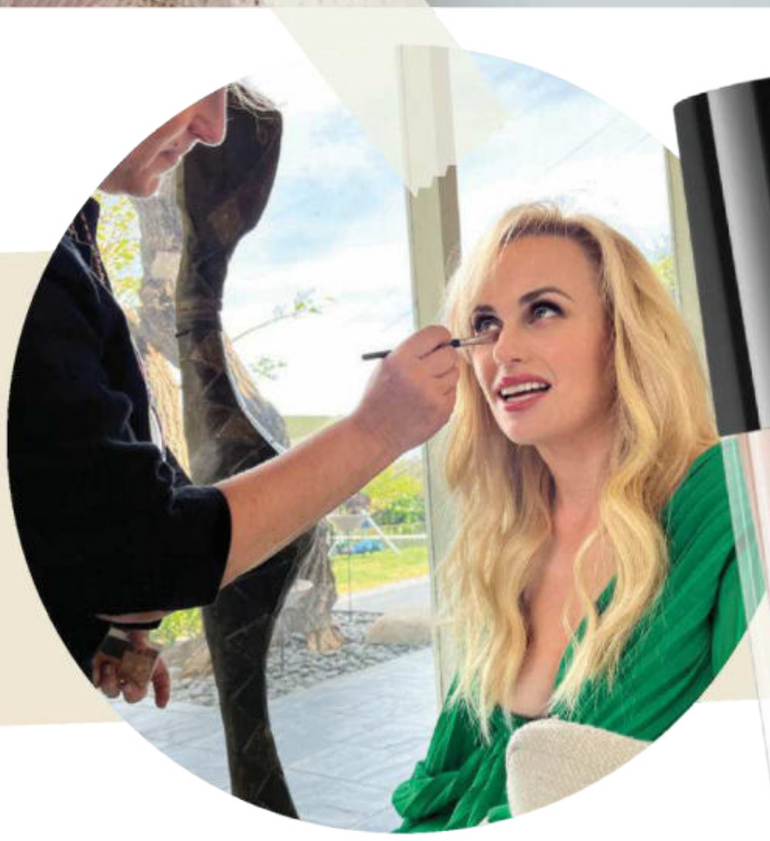

The Makeup

Neutral colors "let Rebel's natural beauty shine through," says makeup artist Molly R. Stern.

Armani Beauty Eye Tint Liquid Eyeshadow in Rose Ashes, $30, and Lip Power Lipstick in No. 102, $39;
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Queen Elizabeth celebrated her first Platinum Jubilee event on May 15 on the grounds of Windsor Castle, where **Tom Cruise** (inset) served as a presenter.

Princess Kate and **Prince William** paid a visit to St. John's Primary School in Port Glasgow, Scotland, on May 11 to join in on a "Roots of Empathy" session in which young students learned about empathy by observing an infant.

On May 15 **Prince Harry** competed in a tournament at the Santa Barbara Polo Club, where wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, cheered him on.

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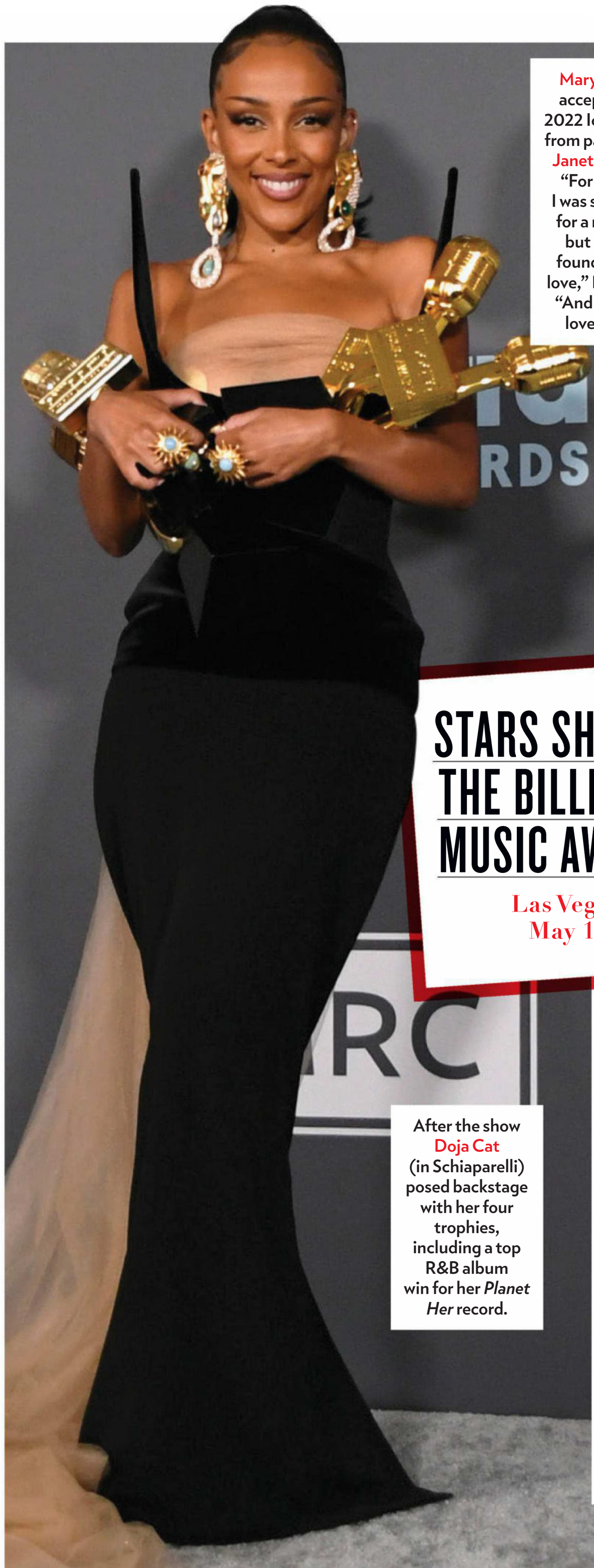

Mary J. Blige accepted the 2022 Icon Award from past winner Janet Jackson. "For so long, I was searching for a real love, but I finally found my real love," Blige said. "And that real love is me."

STARS SHINE AT THE BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS

Las Vegas, May 15

After the show Doja Cat (in Schiaparelli) posed backstage with her four trophies, including a top R&B album win for her *Planet Her* record.

Three months after welcoming her second child with Travis Scott, Kylie Jenner and their daughter Stormi, 4, supported the rapper at the awards show.

After the red carpet Machine Gun Kelly sparked buzz when he dedicated his song "Twin Flame" to his "wife," Megan Fox, though the two haven't confirmed a wedding.

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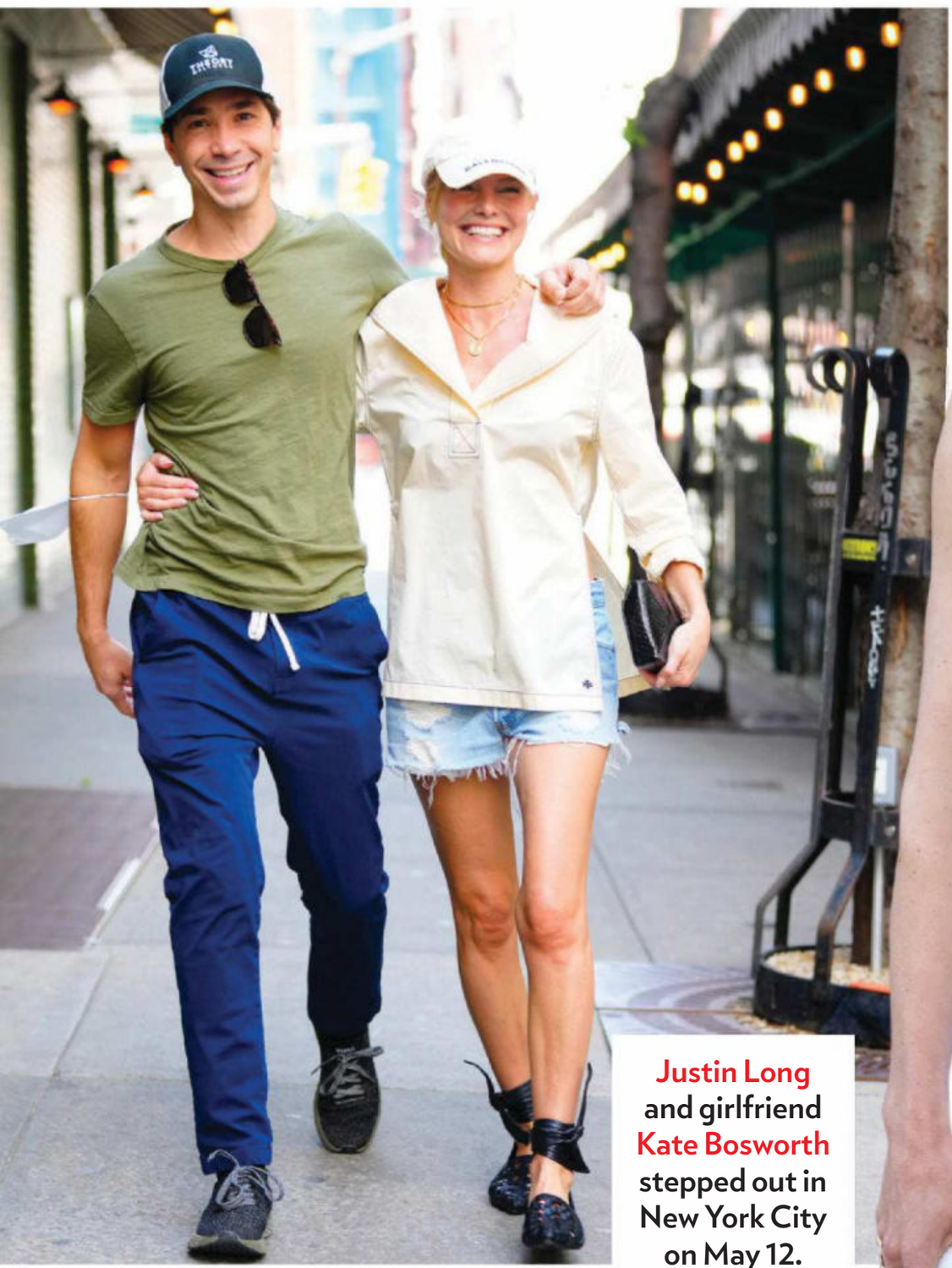
CUTE COUPLES

Newlyweds Billie Lourd and Austen Rydell cuddled up at Louis Vuitton's fashion show on May 12 in San Diego.

Miley Cyrus and rumored boyfriend Maxx Morando attended a May 15 performance of *Chicago* on Broadway.



Justin Long and girlfriend Kate Bosworth stepped out in New York City on May 12.

On May 9 Jessica Biel celebrated the launch of her Hulu true-crime drama *Candy* with husband Justin Timberlake in Los Angeles.

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STRANGER THINGS RETURNS

Brooklyn, May 14

Millie Bobby Brown and the *Stranger Things* cast—(from left) Maya Hawke, Winona Ryder, Cara Buono, Caleb McLaughlin, Matthew Modine, Sadie Sink, Noah Schnapp, Joseph Quinn, Gaten Matarazzo, Charlie Heaton, Priah Ferguson, David Harbour and Natalia Dyer—celebrated the Netflix series' fourth-season premiere.

StyleTracks

WEDDING-READY GOWNS

Celebs are saying 'I do' to dreamy white dresses fit for a bride

Sydney Sweeney in custom Tory Burch at the Met Gala.

Zoë Kravitz in Saint Laurent at the *Vanity Fair* Oscar party.

Kaley Cuoco in Zuhair Murad at an event for the John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health.

Anya Taylor-Joy in Dior at the premiere of *The Northman*.

Hailey Bieber in Saint Laurent at the Grammy Awards.

Miranda Kerr in custom Oscar de la Renta at the Met Gala.

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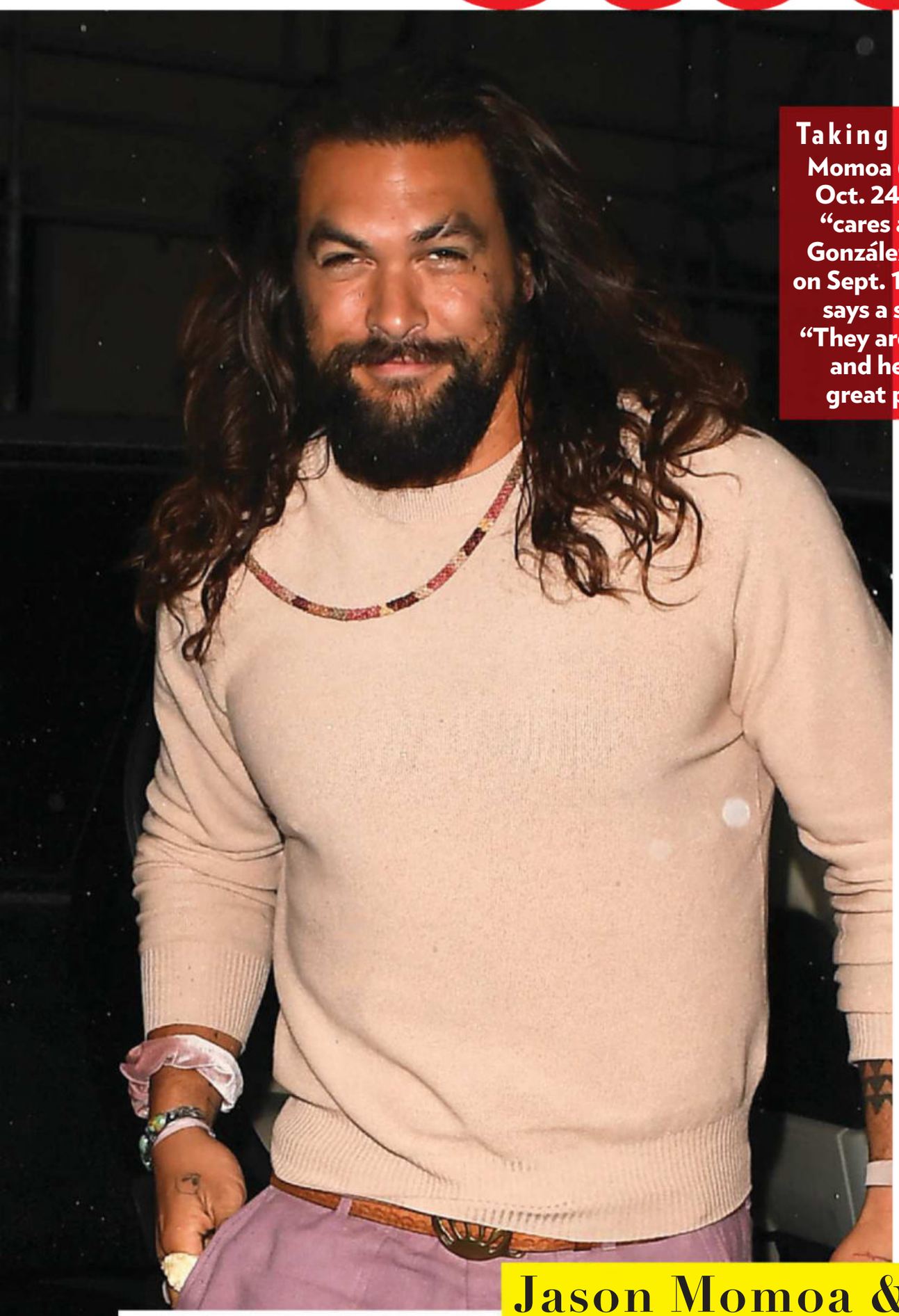

Taking It Slow Momoa (left, on Oct. 24, 2019) "cares about" González (right, on Sept. 13, 2021), says a source. "They are dating, and he's in a great place."

FROM LEFT: BERETTA-SIMS/SHUTTERSTOCK; BACKGRID

Jason Momoa & Eiza González

Their Hot New Romance

Jason Momoa has a new leading lady. Four months after he and his estranged wife, actress Lisa Bonet, announced the end of their 16-year romance, the *Aquaman* actor, 42, has moved on with actress Eiza González, 32. "They are exclusive," says a source who knows both Momoa and González and adds that the two were introduced through friends in February. "Right now it's not a very serious situation, and they're both just seeing where it goes. They've been spending time together when they can and making it work between their two busy schedules."

Before *People* confirmed their new relationship, Momoa—who is currently filming *Fast X*, the upcoming 10th installment of the *Fast & Furious* franchise—quietly supported González at the L.A. premiere of her movie *Ambulance* last month (see box on turn), but they did not walk the red carpet together. "Eiza's a very fun, down-for-anything-type person and is pretty adventurous for the most part," says the source. "She and Jason share that same spirit. She's also incredibly >>

'THEY ARE HAVING FUN TOGETHER—IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS YET'
—A SOURCE CLOSE TO MOMOA AND GONZÁLEZ

driven and will do whatever it takes to keep growing her career. She's more of a long-term relationship person versus casual dater."

Momoa and his ex Bonet, 54—who share daughter Lola Iolani, 14, and son Nakoa-Wolf, 13—began dating in 2005 before quietly tying the knot in October 2017. (Bonet is also mom to actress Zoë Kravitz, 33, with ex-husband Lenny Kravitz.) After four years of marriage, the pair announced their separation on Jan. 12 in a joint statement on Instagram. "We have all felt the squeeze and changes of these transformational times," the statement read, in part. "We share this not because we think it's newsworthy but so that as we go about our lives we may do so with dignity and honesty. The love between us carries on, evolving in ways it wishes to be known and lived. We free each other to be who we are learning to become."

As Momoa continues spending time with González, the *Dune* actor is proceeding slowly. "It's not that he's not taking it seriously, but with his kids, he's not going to rush into anything quickly," says the source. "He had a lot of love for Lisa, and there is still a lot of mutual respect there as far as she's concerned." A film industry source told *People* in January that the exes are on good terms and will continue to focus on their kids, adding, "They still deeply care about each other."

González—who previously dated Momoa's *Dune* costar Timothée Chalamet and actor Josh Duhamel—is happy to let the relationship progress naturally. She "likes [Momoa's] attention and laid-back vibes," says an insider. "She isn't necessarily looking for a boyfriend, though. She is having fun but is also very busy with her career."

—Reporting by Pernilla Cedenheim, Melody Chiu and Liz McNeil

THEIR SECRET DATE NIGHT

On April 4 Momoa showed up at the L.A. premiere of González and Jake Gyllenhaal's new thriller *Ambulance*. The actor walked the red carpet solo, and he and González kept their distance. According to a source, it's no surprise that they hit it off: "Jason is one of the most-liked people in Hollywood. People really respect him, and he's a really good guy—very generous and happy all the time. He's all about love and spreading love."

Friendly Exes Momoa and Bonet at their last public event together in 2020.

Kourtney & Travis Tie the Knot

Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker have made it official. On May 15 the reality star wed the blink-182 drummer in an intimate Santa Barbara courthouse ceremony in front of loved ones, including Barker's father and Kardashian's grandmother. "They always planned to have a small ceremony, just the two of them," says a source close to the couple, who had a so-called practice wedding last month in Las Vegas. "Since Travis proposed in Santa Barbara, they were excited to be married there." But the celebrations aren't over for the couple, who got engaged last October after 10 months of dating. Multiple sources say they will soon have a bigger wedding in Italy, where their kids (Kardashian, 43, and Barker, 46, each have three children) will be present. For now the newlyweds "couldn't be happier," says the source. "After they got married, Kourtney was beaming. She feels beyond lucky to be Travis's wife." —Reporting by Pernilla Cedenheim and Melody Chiu

Newlyweds For the May 15 legal ceremony, Kardashian wore a Dolce & Gabbana minidress. Inset: driving off in Barker's vintage convertible.

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Sabrina & Idris Elba

Lessons We've Learned About Love

Married three years, Idris, 49, and Sabrina Elba, 34, sit down with some of the world's most dynamic partners for the second season of their Audible podcast Coupledom.

How has it been working together?

SABRINA It took a little bit of finessing at the beginning. It's not 100 percent easy to work with someone you're in a relationship with. But I feel like we've definitely sort of found our way. Now we get to sort of build dreams together and see what that looks like.

What have you learned when it comes to handling any disagreements?

IDRIS There's no hard, fast rule how to navigate that. Everyday sort of squabbles, you just differ and move on. I think never losing sight of the fact that it's a journey is really important. When you're swimming, you don't look up to count the laps, because you get tired very quickly. It's a bit like that with marriage. I love anniversaries, but I don't want to count the years.

SABRINA And I love a romantic and nostalgic moment and looking back at things, so we definitely differ there. Generally if we have an argument, I don't like to go to bed angry, and I think he's the same. That's probably the one thing that we always try not to do.

How do you make each other laugh?

SABRINA He makes a silly face, and I'm on the floor.

IDRIS Yeah, I think we go for childish humor. That always works. I like making fart noises, and Sabrina likes to do silly dances.

What are you most looking forward to as you grow old together?

IDRIS Harmony. You just want to be at peace together and have that be sort of a continuous motion.

SABRINA I also love the idea of seeing what changes. We've been together six years now, and we both changed so much. I like seeing that. — **JULIE JORDAN**

Power Couple The pair (left, in 2021; right, with Idris's daughter Isan in April) say Sabrina is the first to apologize. "I will when I'm wrong—which is often!" says Idris.

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HEART MONITOR

Married

Frankie Grande & Hale Leon

Broadway alum Grande (left), 39, married actor Leon, 29, on May 4 in a *Star Wars*-themed ceremony in Boca Raton, Fla., in front of friends and family, including his famous sister Ariana and their mom, Joan, who officiated.

Going Strong

Adele & Rich Paul

The singer, 34, shut down buzz that she and the sports agent, 41, had split, posting a series of photos of them together on Instagram on May 11. "They are both very busy," a source says of the pair, who began dating early last year. "They see each other when they can."

Engaged

Marc Anthony & Nadia Ferreira

The music superstar, 53, is set to marry to former Miss Universe contestant Ferreira, 23, who announced the happy news on Instagram May 12, sharing a photo of her ring (inset). This will be Anthony's fourth marriage and the first for Ferreira.

New Couple?

Brody Jenner & Tia Blanco

The *Hills* alum, 38, may have a new woman in his life: On May 12 he was spotted grabbing a meal with pro surfer Blanco, 25, at Erewhon Market in Calabasas, Calif. The two reportedly met in Hawaii earlier this year.

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Barry's Anthony Carrigan

Acting and My Alopecia Journey

As a shy kid, Anthony Carrigan found comfort in theater. "Having this medium to be bold and confident when I didn't necessarily feel that way was life-changing for me," says the Massachusetts native, 39, who was diagnosed with alopecia areata, an autoimmune disease that causes hair loss, at age 3.

Despite being empowered by his calling, the *Barry* star fought hard for success. During a low point in his 20s, Carrigan—who has also appeared on the TV series *The Forgotten* and *Parenthood*—was told to give up on his dream. "There was a moment where my alopecia had progressed so much that I had lost half [of the hair on] my scalp, both my eyebrows and all my eyelashes," the actor recalls. "It really threw everyone that I was working with, and no one knew what to do with me. I was told by a number of people, 'You're not going to be able to do this. You're not attractive anymore. You will fail if you try to do this.'"

The doubters fueled Carrigan. "I'm one of those people that if you tell me I can't do something, I will," says the actor, who scored his biggest role yet as mobster NoHo Hank in Bill Hader's Emmy-winning HBO comedy *Barry*. "I re-created myself, in a way, to become who I'd always been," he says. "And it made me a better actor, because I wasn't hiding under wigs or makeup anymore. That projected confidence was replaced with real confidence."

—JULIA MOORE

'[INDUSTRY PEOPLE] DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD BOOK A JOB LET ALONE HAVE A CAREER'
—ON LOSING HIS HAIR TO ALOPECIA

Having Fun Being Bad Carrigan (right, with costar Nick Gracer) says playing villain Hank on *Barry* is a "dream job." Season 3 is now streaming on HBO.

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Baby Boom!

THE LATEST ON HOLLYWOOD'S GROWING FAMILIES

Kelly Osbourne & Sid Wilson

"I am over the moon to announce that I am going to be a Mumma," the *Fashion Police* alum, 37, wrote May 12 on Instagram, revealing she's expecting her first child with the Slipknot rocker, 45. Friends since 1999, the pair recently began dating.

Michelle Williams & Thomas Kail

Nearly two years after welcoming son Hart, the actress, 41, and her director husband, 45, are expecting again. "It's totally joyous," Williams (who is also mom to Matilda, 16, her daughter with her late ex Heath Ledger) told *Variety*.

Kelly Clarkson On Motherhood & Honoring Teachers

Raised by an elementary school teacher—her mom Jeanne—Kelly Clarkson knows just how important educators are. So the Grammy winner and talk show host, 40, teamed up with Norwegian Cruise Lines for the Giving Joy Contest, which will reward 100 teachers with a vacation (submit nominations at nclgivingjoy .com). Here Clarkson shares what she learned from her mom—and gets real about parenting her kids River Rose, 7, and Remington, 6 (whom she shares with ex-husband Brandon Blackstock).

What was it like growing up with a teacher for a mom? She was such a hard worker. I saw everything she did to sacrifice for her students. She didn't make much money, but she still took money out of her pocket to do things for kids in the classroom, especially those that needed extra help or that would come in with the same outfit every day or without food. I didn't become a teacher, but seeing her selfless heart helped me on my path in life. Now I get to shine a light on people and be a part of things like this.

'WHEN YOU BECOME A MOM, IT'S A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. IT'S A HARD JOB, AND YOU NEVER SEE THAT AS A KID'

What's the most important lesson you learned from your mom? Just to persevere. When [my parents] divorced, I ended up with my mom, and she put herself through college. I went to some of her classes with her because she didn't have childcare—and I watched her push through so many hurdles.

What was it like for you juggling work and your kids' remote learning during the pandemic? I was like, "Dear God, I hope my nanny doesn't quit." I hope we never have to do it again, because my kids are very creative, outgoing and social, and did not want to be at home with an adult. It was very hard, like [them] learning how to read. I've always held teachers in the highest of regard, but people that didn't really think about it before got a real eye-opening experience at how hard teachers work.

You'll be performing for the contest winners next fall. Are you ready to get back onstage? It's exciting—I don't even know the last time we did a show. I am taking the first summer I've taken off since I was 16 years old, so I'm going to be so fresh for it! — **JEFF NELSON**

Kelly's Mini-Mes With daughter River and son Remington in a 2018 Instagram post.

RIGHT: CARTER SMITH/NBCUNIVERSAL

Judd's husband Larry Strickland, joined by daughters Ashley and Wynonna.

Tributes

Naomi Judd Remembered

FAMOUS FRIENDS PAY RESPECTS

Family, friends and fans of the late singer gathered for a memorial celebration of life

"Everywoman." That's how actress Ashley Judd, 54, described her late mother, Naomi, during the public memorial held for the country legend on May 15, two weeks after her death by suicide at age 76. The service, which was televised by CMT, featured heartfelt remarks by Emmylou Harris, Bette Midler, Bono and others, but among the most emotional words came from daughter Wynonna, 58. "This isn't easy," said the Judds co-vocalist, who shared that she plans to go ahead with the duo's planned fall tour. "But… we're showing the world what a dysfunctional family does: You show up for each other."

—BRIANNE TRACY

Naomi Judd on *People*'s May 16 cover

"Her body is gone, but her sweet spirit and legacy remains as a heart print… for every life she touched."
– Oprah Winfrey

"The first time I met Naomi, it felt like… meeting Scarlett O'Hara. She… had so much talent in her blood and… fire in her heart."
– Salma Hayek

"It was a big deal to open for [The Judds when I was 13], but it is a bigger deal, today, to do this for her."
– Brad Paisley

Happy Birthday!

Laverne Cox, 50
May 29, 1972

Lenny Kravitz, 58
May 26, 1964

Idina Menzel, 51
May 30, 1971

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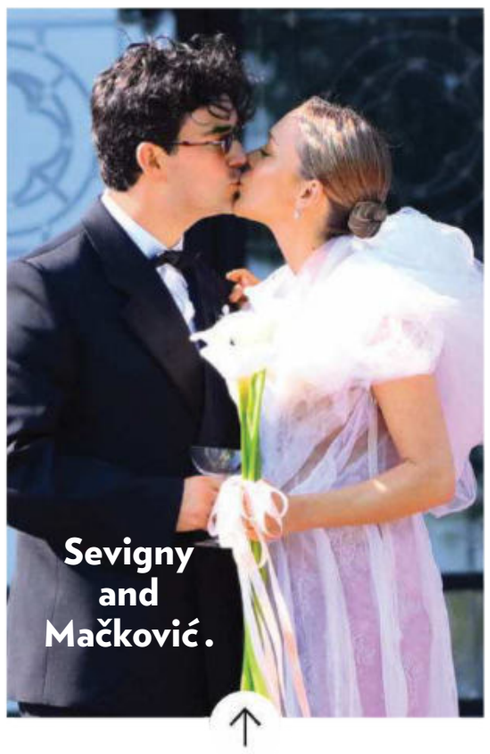
Splits

Valerie Bertinelli, 62, filed for divorce on May 12 from her husband of 10 years, financial planner **Tom Vitale,** 60, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple legally separated in November.

Weddings

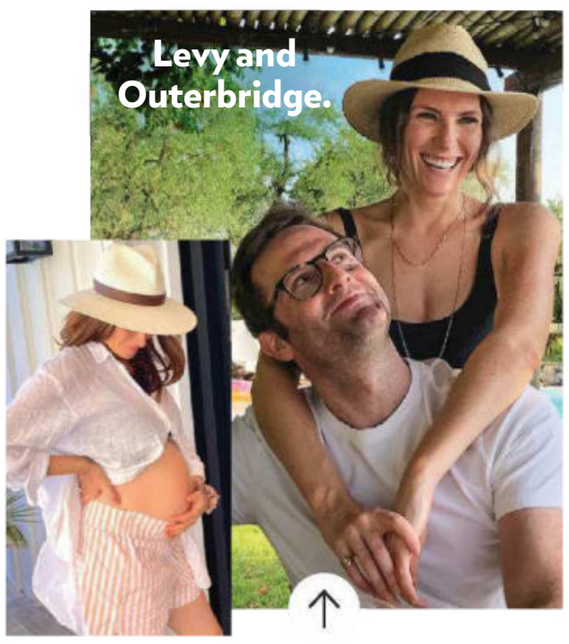
Mixed-ish star **Tika Sumpter,** 41, married actor **Nicholas James,** 38, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, on May 14. ● *Gossip Girl* actress **Jessica Szohr,** 37, announced her engagement to NHL player **Brad Richardson,** also 37, on Instagram on May 16. ● Two years after legally tying the knot at New York City Hall, actress **Chloë Sevigny,** 47, and art gallery director **Siniša Mačković,** 40, held a ceremony for family


Sevigny and Mačković.

and friends in Connecticut on May 15.

Babies

NASCAR driver **Kyle Busch,** 37, and his lifestyle blogger wife **Samantha,** 35, welcomed via surrogate their second child, daughter **Lennix,** on May 10. The couple are also parents to son **Brexton,** 6. ● *Schitt's Creek* star **Sarah Levy,** 35, announced she and her hus-


Levy and Outerbridge.

band, actor **Graham Outerbridge,** 39, are expecting their first child together.

Courts

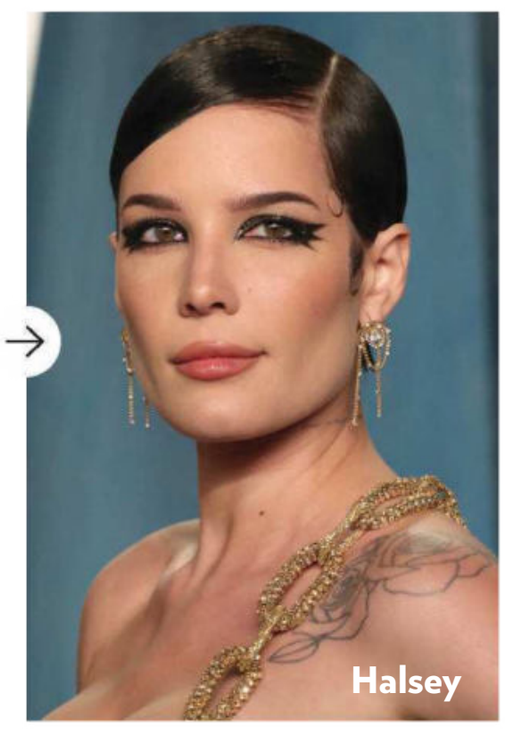
A judge found former Food Network chef **Mario Batali,** 61, not guilty of indecent assault and battery on May 10. Batali's accuser alleged he touched her inappropriately at a Boston restaurant in 2017.

Batali in May 2019.

Health

Singer **Halsey,** 27, revealed they've been diagnosed with several debilitating health issues, including Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, a disorder that affects the body's connective tissues, and the autoimmune disorder Sjögren's syndrome.

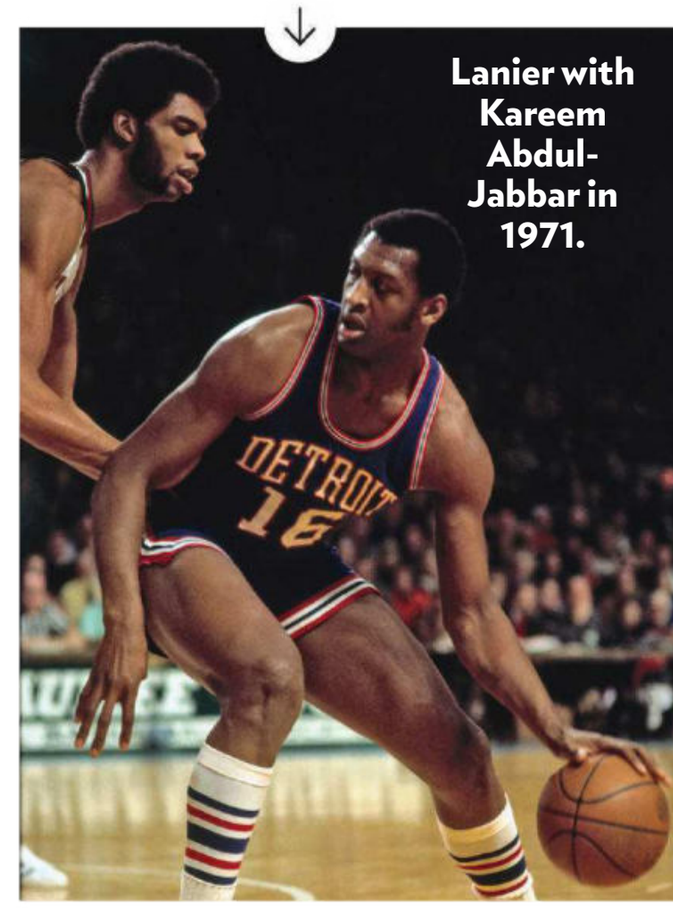
● **Britney Spears,** 40, and


Halsey

fiancé **Sam Asghari,** 28, announced the loss of their "miracle baby early in the pregnancy." Spears revealed in April that she was expecting.

Deaths

Actor **Bruce MacVittie**, who appeared in *Sex and the City* and *The Sopranos,* died in New York City on May 7 at 65. ● NBA Hall of Famer **Bob Lanier** died on May 10 following a short illness. He was 73.



Lanier with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1971.

By DANA ROSE FALCONE

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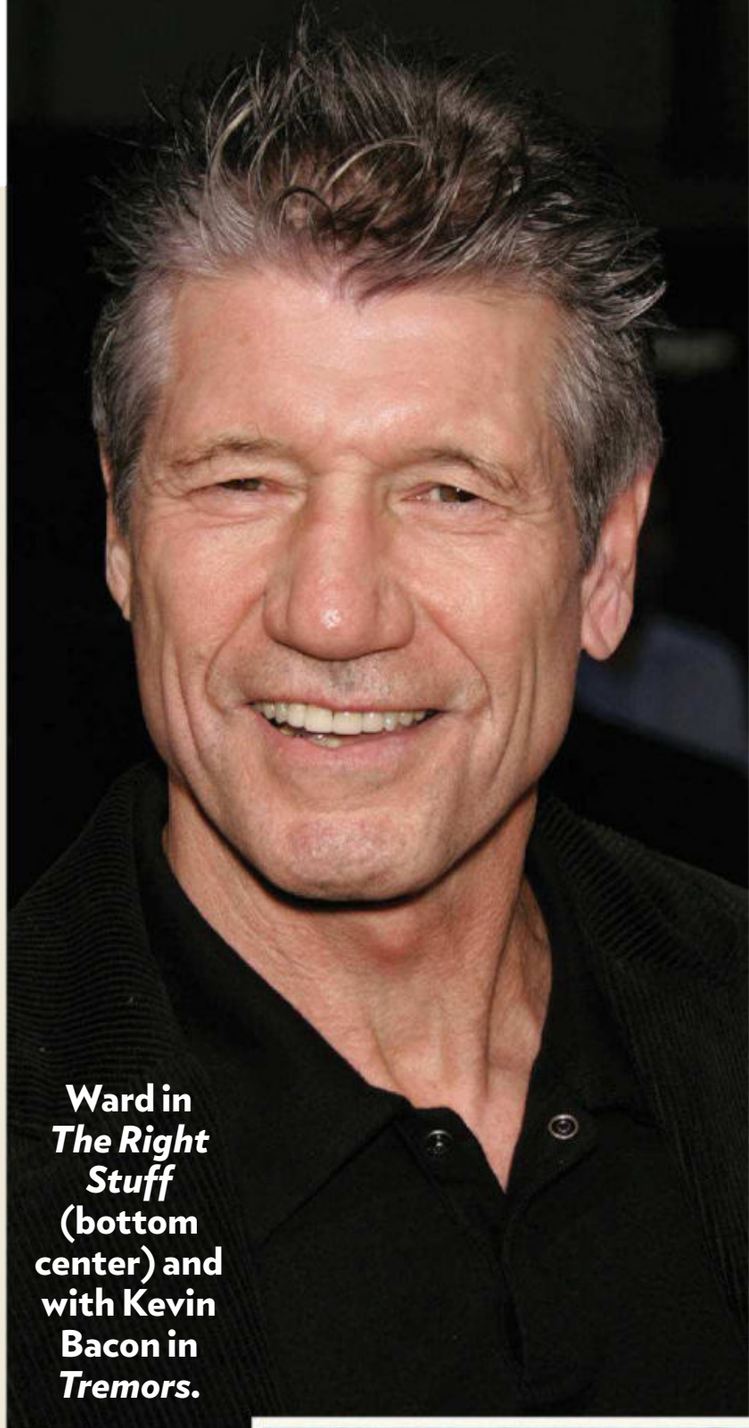
Goodbye to *Right Stuff* star Fred Ward

A no-frills actor and very much his own man, he headed into space—and never looked back

Ruggedly handsome, Fred Ward had the makings of another Harrison Ford—until his big action film, 1985's *Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins,* bombed. If the actor, who died on May 8 at age 79, wasn't a leading man, he had an alluring lone-wolf mystique, even in an ensemble film like *The Right Stuff,* the 1983 NASA epic in which he played astronaut Gus Grissom. Indeed, said Matthew Modine, a costar in *Short Cuts* (1993), beneath Ward's tough exterior ran emotions "as deep as the Pacific."

An ex-boxer and lumberjack, the part-Cherokee San Diego native said his hard childhood left him with "a need for acceptance." He found that as an actor, breaking through with 1979's *Escape From Alcatraz.* Ward—survived by his wife of 27 years, Marie-France Ward, and son Django—appeared in everything from the 1990 sci-fi horror hit *Tremors* to HBO's *True Detective.* What counted, he told *The Washington Post,* was "to follow your heart. Not to jump to some prepared future. Not that I had one." —TOM GLIATTO


Ward in *The Right Stuff* (bottom center) and with Kevin Bacon in *Tremors.*

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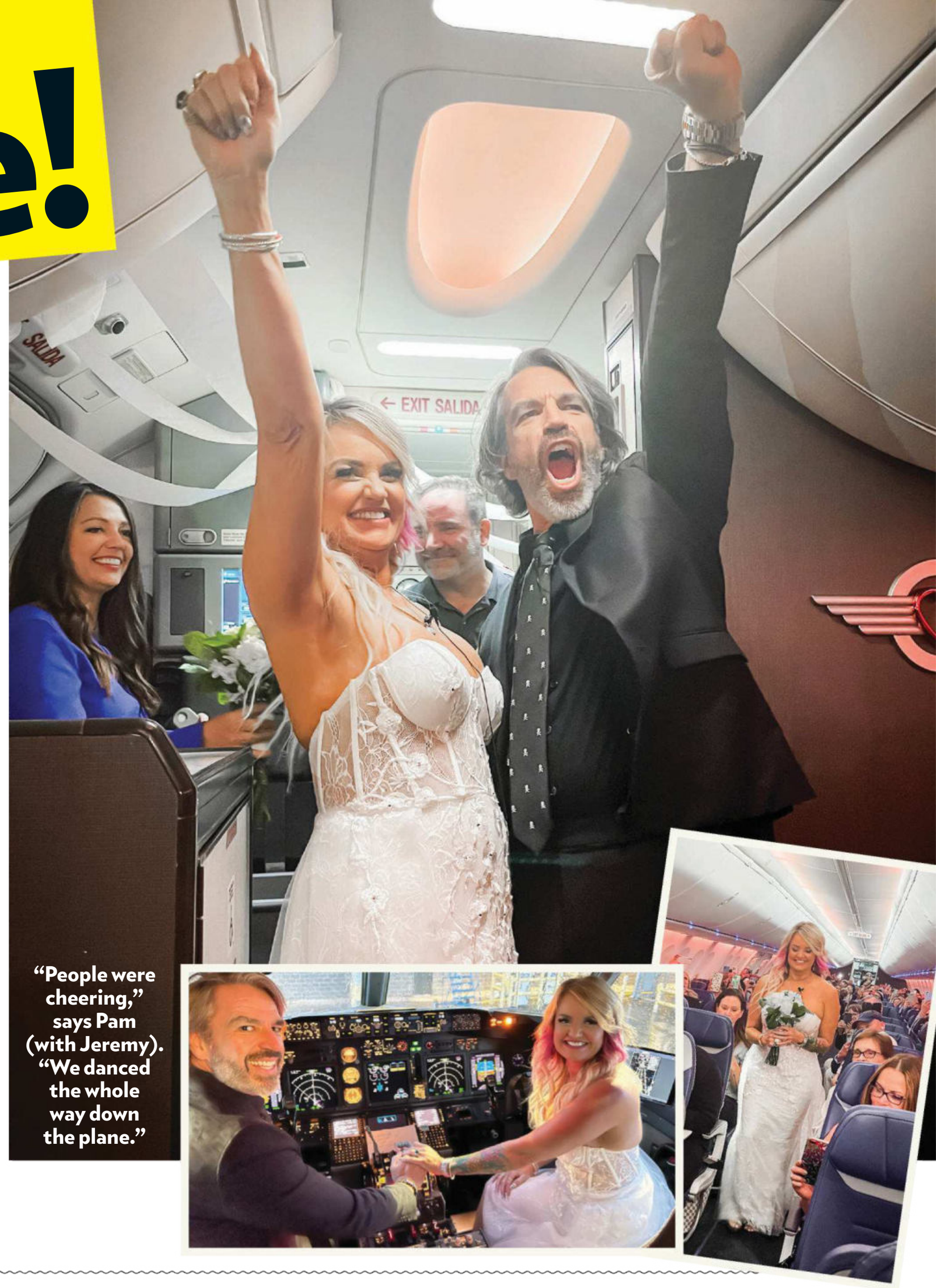
Stories to make you...

smile!

Delayed flights lead to a wedding in the sky

37,000 FEET OVER ARIZONA

Pam and Jeremy Salda knew their wedding would be special, but they hadn't planned on a chapel in the clouds. The Oklahoma City couple—already dressed in their tux and gown—had been heading to Las Vegas to tie the knot on April 24, but flight delays made them miss their scheduled appointment. Then, while on a layover for a Southwest flight in Dallas, they met an ordained minister who was also headed to Vegas, and Pam, 52, had an idea: "I said, 'I'm just going to get married on this plane!'" The flight crew strung up toilet paper streamers, dimmed the cabin lights and played "Here Comes the Bride" over the intercom as Pam walked down the plane's aisle. "She looked like an angel," says Jeremy, 49. Afterward the newlyweds danced to Bruno Mars's "Marry You." Says Pam: "I told Jeremy, 'I want to be your copilot for life.'"



"People were cheering," says Pam (with Jeremy). "We danced the whole way down the plane."

Carter surfs rain or shine. "The crazier the waves, the more he's excited to get out there," says Dawn.

A fifth grader catches waves for a good cause

BRIGANTINE, N.J.

Carter Doorley loves to surf, and he loves to help people in need. So in May 2020 the 11-year-old took to his board and pledged to surf 1,000 days in a row to raise money for area charities. "You're never too little to help," says Carter, who has been surfing since he was 5. So far he's surfed for more than 700 days straight, through rain, snow and sleet, and raised over $3,700. "He's just hoping to make a difference," says his mom, Dawn Doorley, who chronicles Carter's efforts on Instagram (@CarterCatchesWaves). "It's a lot of fun," says Carter. "I want to keep going!"

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: KAIT MANZER(3); DAWN DOORLEY(3)

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People picks

THE BEST STUFF TO WATCH, READ & LISTEN TO THIS WEEK!

Tom Cruise brings fighter pilot Maverick back to the screen after 36 years.

MOVIE

Top Gun: Maverick

Tom Cruise stars—soars—in a blockbuster sequel

DRAMA *Maverick* is exactly what a sequel to *Top Gun* ought to be: bigger in scale and emotion—IMAX bigger. That means more impressive airborne equipment, state-of-the-art cinematography (those cockpit shots!), a gale-force theme song—Lady Gaga's "Hold My Hand" could topple radar towers—and a long, rousing climax that bonds together a bunch of new fighter pilots while making the world safer for democracy. And maybe ignoring international law, but never mind. The movie is a wow.

Like the *Mission: Impossible* films, *Maverick* seems to have been willed into existence singlehandedly by Tom Cruise. In the 36 years since *Top Gun,* he's fire-tempered his slightly puppyish sex appeal into a presence that's steelier and more self-consciously

Val Kilmer's Emotional Return

Kilmer, who played Cruise's rival Tom "Iceman" Kazansky in *Top Gun*, is *Maverick's* only other original cast member. His one scene is also the film's most moving: Iceman, now an admiral, is ill and fading. Reuniting with Cruise was "heaven," says Kilmer, 62, via email. (He survived throat cancer, which damaged his voice). "Sound corny? You only live once. Unless God blessed you to be an actor, and then you get to live 1,000 lives."

—ERIK FORREST JACKSON

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Cruise and cast took to the skies to shoot key scenes.

Jennifer Connelly
She plays Penny Benjamin, whose name comes up in *Top Gun*—she's an admiral's daughter.

heroic. Yet he's also sustained the singularity—an earnestness somehow combined with caginess—that made him a superstar in the first place. "I don't like that look, Mav," he's told at the start of the new film—he's having one of those charmingly defiant, cocksure Tom Cruise moments. He smiles and answers: "It's the only one I got." No one else, including Daniel Day-Lewis, could pull that off.

'The movie is a wow'

This time out, Cruise's Maverick, who in three decades hasn't had a promotion but remains undisputed King of the Air, is commissioned to prepare some brave new recruits for a dangerous mission to take out a uranium-enrichment site overseas. First, though, he'll have to resolve his radioactive relationship with resentful young Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller): Rooster's father was Maverick's flying partner and best friend, Goose (Anthony Edwards), whose death in *Top Gun* still haunts everyone. Maverick also pursues a sweet, quiet romance with Penny Benjamin (Jennifer Connelly), owner of a club for aviators. Their affair is tucked into the movie's rigorous action scenario like a nice little pocket sandwich. *(In theaters May 27, PG-13)*

Future Top Guns
Jay Ellis (left), Monica Barbaro and Danny Ramirez.

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Q&A

Tom Cruise

The star, 59, returns as Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell.

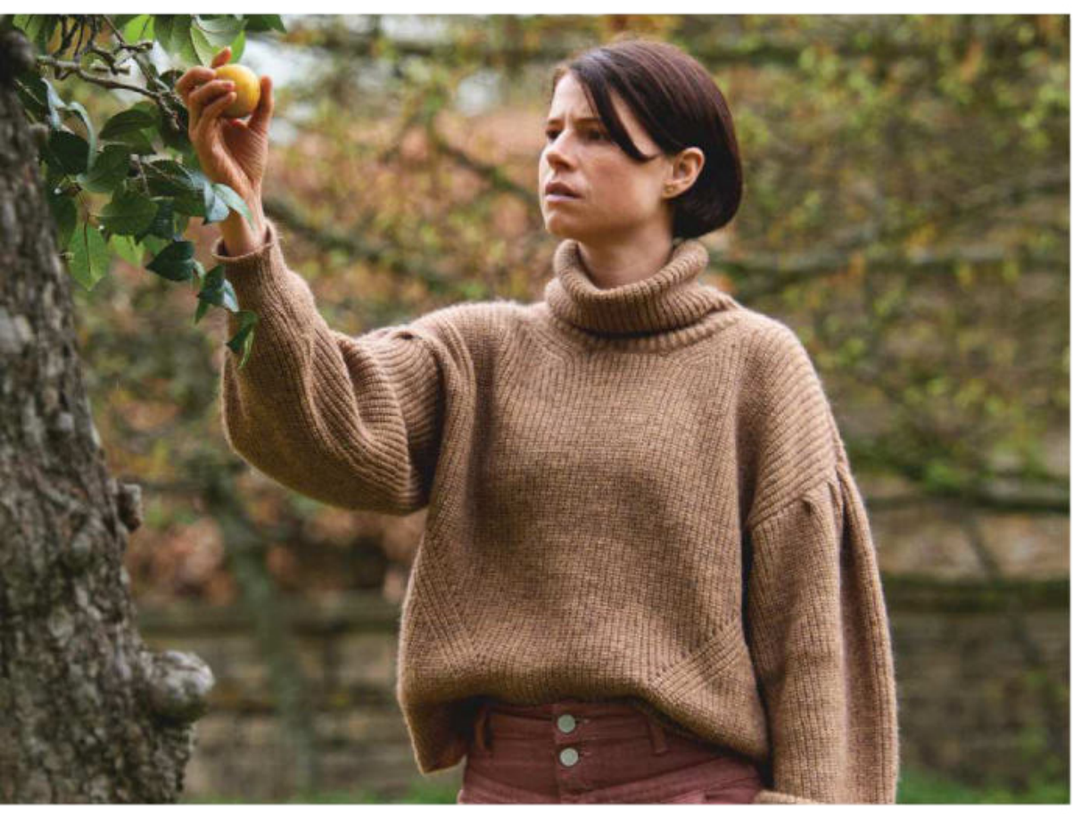
Was there something about the character that you wanted to revisit?
It wasn't so much about wanting to revisit a character. I was thinking of audiences. I started realizing, "Look at the effects we would be able to give [them] this time."

What's it like filming in airborne fighter jets?
Exhilarating. I'm not going to lie. I love it up there.

You've also been working on two *Mission: Impossible* movies. When was your last vacation?
This *is* my vacation. My whole life, since I was 4 years old, I wanted to make movies.

—ALLISON ADATO

For more, pick up *People's Top Gun* Special Edition, available now.

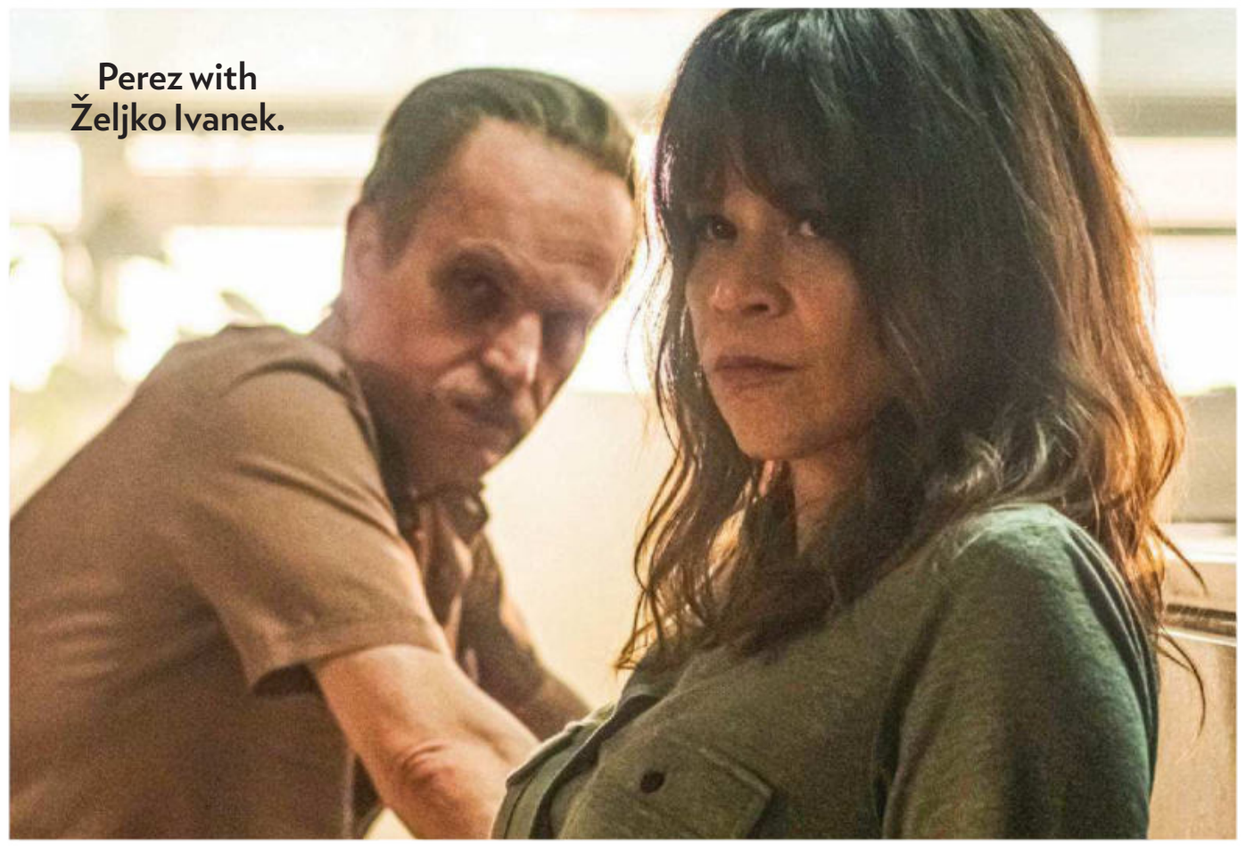


MOVIE | Men

HORROR Reeling from a tragedy, Harper (*The Lost Daughter*'s Jessie Buckley) hopes to find solace in the British countryside, damply green with the promise of spring. Instead she's plunged into a vivid, inexplicable nightmare—even the dandelion fluff has sinister powers. Rory Kinnear (*Penny Dreadful*) plays all the local chaps, including a nude stalker and a nasty little boy. *(In theaters May 20, R)*

APPLE TV+ | Now and Then

DRAMA Rosie Perez (*The Flight Attendant*) anchors this deftly tangled Spanish-English crime drama. She's Flora, a Miami detective who suddenly gets a second crack at a case that slipped away 20 years ago—the suspicious death of a kid celebrating his high school graduation with friends. The story chases after those friends (whom we should probably label "so-called") on the fatal night and in the present: They're miserable adults facing the same blackmailer. *(Launches with first three episodes May 20)*



Perez with Željko Ivanek.

FROM LEFT: KEVIN BAKER/A24; APPLE TV+

Chacon, Watkins and Cyler.

MOVIE | Emergency

COMEDY Hours before a planned night of campus partying, Kunle (Donald Elise Watkins) and his friend Sean (RJ Cyler) find an unconscious girl in their apartment (she started partying early). Kunle would call the cops, but Sean insists otherwise: They're Black, and she's white—what can they expect from the authorities? At this point, as the guys try to move the body with the help of a third roomie (Sebastian Chacon), *Emergency* is an edgy, frantic comedy. Then the tone shifts. Sean wasn't wrong. *(In limited release May 20, R; launches on Amazon May 27)*

FROM LEFT: QUANTRELL D. COLBERT/AMAZON STUDIOS; JEROD HARRIS/FILMMAGIC; JAY MAIDMEN/MARVEL STUDIOS

Doctor Strange's Xochitl Gomez

The 16-year-old L.A. native—who was Dawn on Netflix's *The Baby-Sitters Club*—makes her Marvel Universe debut as the new sequel's scrappy, multiverse-traveling America Chavez. Gomez was thrilled to act with the likes of Elizabeth Olsen—"I was literally in awe"—but what mattered most was getting to play a character "who's a really positive representation for Latinas and teens."

—KELSIE GIBSON

Benedict Cumberbatch and Gomez.

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MOVIE | Downton Abbey: A New Era

The beloved British soap opera takes a trip

COMEDY-DRAMA Like the first *Downton* movie (2019), *Era* is engagingly, amiably silly—verging on dotty. For some reason the plot is split in two. Robert Crawley and the missus (Hugh Bonneville and Elizabeth McGovern) go off to the South of France to inspect a villa recently bequeathed to Lady Violet (Maggie Smith). Is it a Zillow-worthy memento of an ancient love affair? Back home Mary (Michelle Dockery) deals with a film director (Hugh Dancy) who's using the manse as a location for his next project. At a certain point *Downton* creator-writer Julian Fellowes may have thought: "Enough thumb-twiddling—time for my specialty." And so, in best *Downton* tradition and with much ado, he kills someone off. *(In theaters May 20, PG)*

Penelope Wilton with Smith. For more on McGovern and Dockery, see page 52.

A young triceratops.

APPLE TV+ | Prehistoric Planet

NATURE Narrated by David Attenborough, *Prehistoric* is a five-part CGI parade featuring the astounding creatures that shadowed Earth 66 million years ago. The animals are so lifelike, regardless of size, you wonder what veterinary bills would have been like, assuming veterinarians had been evolved by that time. *(First episode launches May 23)*

MUSIC | Harry Styles, *Harry's House*

POP Like Paul McCartney's peak solo material—channeled here on standout "Grapejuice"—Styles's vibrant, immaculately crafted LP sounds nearly effortless. He careens with ease from pulsating funk to effervescent synth-pop to contemplative folk. *(May 20)*

Q&A

Nathan Kress

The actor, 29, is back for season 2 as Miranda Cosgrove's friend Freddie on the Paramount+ reboot of iCarly, *the sitcom that made him a teen star in 2007.*

As a grown-up, were you ever hesitant about revisiting *iCarly*?
There was a ton of hesitation. Reviving a project like this comes with risk—it was beloved by our generation. Luckily it has really resonated.

With Jaidyn Triplett on *iCarly*.

You have two daughters—will you show them the original?
I did start watching it with my oldest [Rosie Carolyn, 4]. When the credits go on, she's like, "Here comes Daddy!"

What else will you be watching this summer?
I am three episodes deep on *Game of Thrones*—I'm so far behind the curve!

—DORY JACKSON

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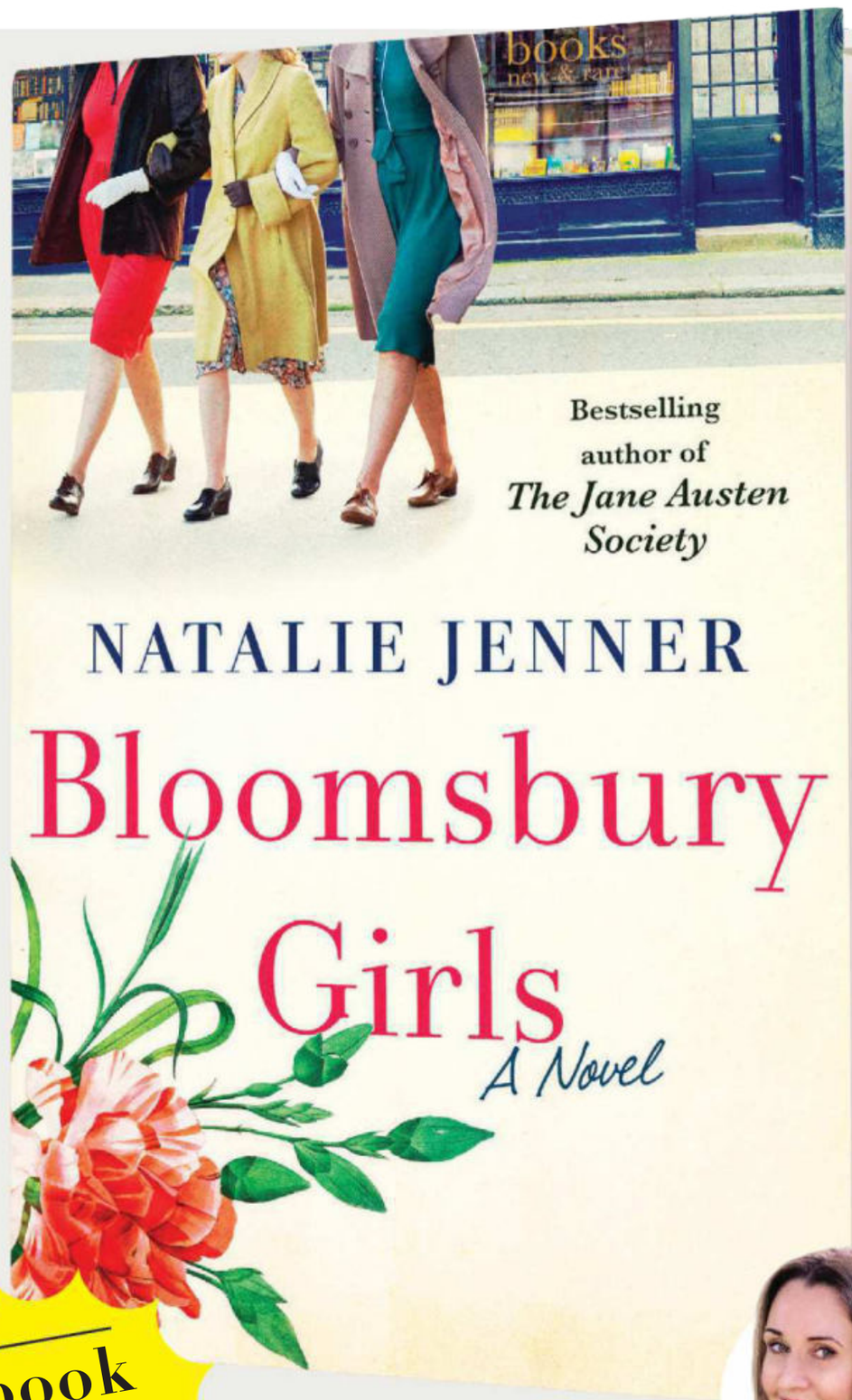
The Best New Books

Feel-good historical fiction, the mysteries of mental illness, and a star-crossed love

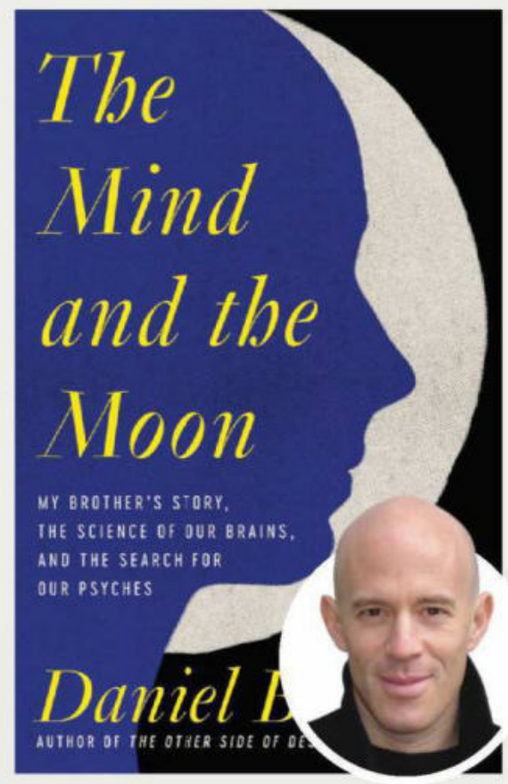
Edited by **KIM HUBBARD**



book of the week

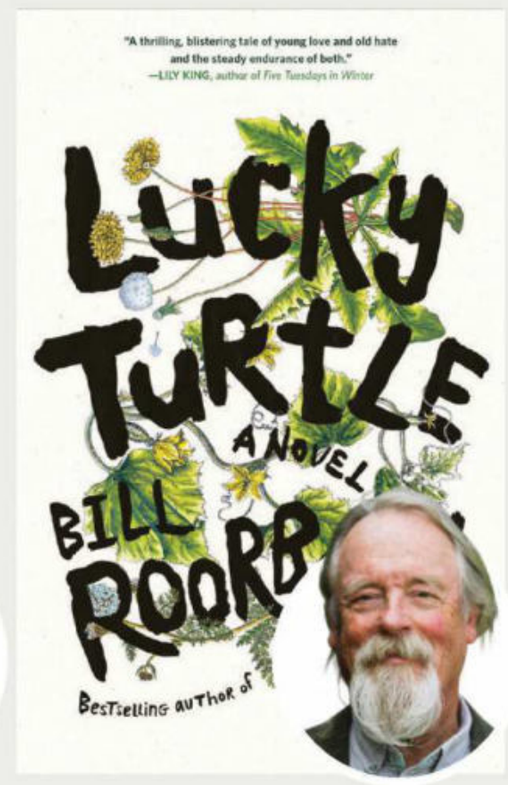
Natalie Jenner
Bloomsbury Girls
NOVEL

In 1950 London, Bloomsbury Books runs on tradition and the 51 rules of its longtime manager Herbert Dutton. While the hidebound shop has three female employees—Vivien, an aspiring writer who lost her fiancé in the war; the unhappily married Grace; and Cambridge graduate Evie Stone —the men have all the authority. But things change when Dutton takes a medical leave, and the women decide to take matters into their own hands and modernize. Just delightful.



Daniel Bergner
The Mind and the Moon
NONFICTION

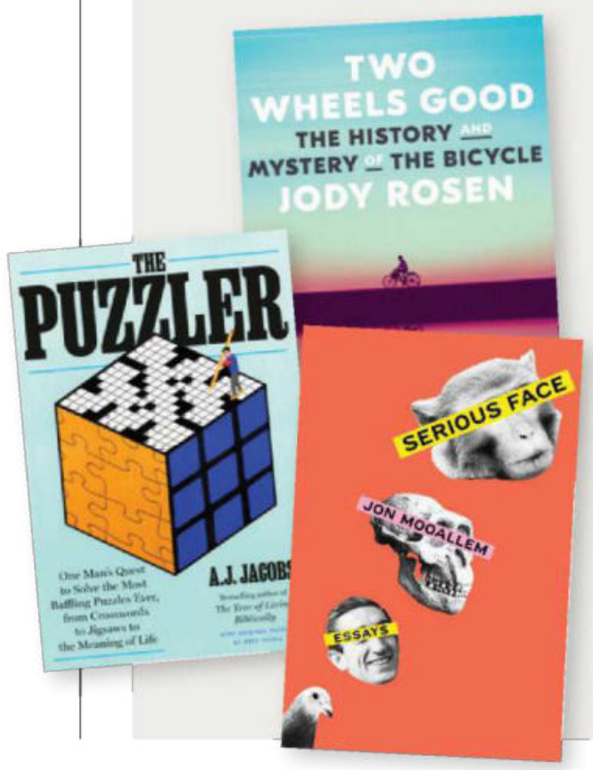
After decades of seeing his brother nearly buckle under psychiatric diagnoses and medications, Bergner wondered: Did any of it really help? His heartfelt book threads the stories of three fascinating patients and raises urgent questions about how we view and treat mental illness.



Bill Roorbach
Lucky Turtle
NOVEL

Shipped off to a Montana reform camp after her role in an armed robbery, a Massachusetts teen falls for an older camp worker, the stoic but sensitive Turtle of the title. They escape into the wilderness—where the often cruel beauty of the natural and man-made worlds collide. An unforgettable love story.

New in Nonfiction



A.J. Jacobs
The Puzzler

From the author of *The Year of Living Biblically,* a lively, informative investigation of the human love for puzzles—with some you can try yourself. Pencils ready!

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Two Wheels Good

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Whether you're a denizen or a stranger to the Big Apple's streets, these gorgeous shots by *People Stylewatch* founder Kaufman will make you feel the magic.

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Rebel Wilson

EXCLUSIVE People EXCLUSIVE

FABULOUS, FIERCE AND READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD, THE STAR REVEALS HOW TRUE TRANSFORMATION MEANS MORE THAN A NUMBER ON THE SCALE

By **LIZ McNEIL**

'I Wanted to Be the Healthiest Version of Myself'

Photographs by **CLIFF WATTS**

‘I wasn’t the best at acting school, but I had this weird faith it would all work out’

Ask Rebel Wilson her backstory, and she'll tell you it goes like this: A shy young woman travels to rural Mozambique, contracts malaria and hallucinates she's won an Oscar. Back home in Australia, she gets a law degree, takes drama classes at night and launches an acting career. Against the advice of family and friends, she moves to L.A. with only a suitcase and a pillow. There she lives on $60 a week—her only furniture a $10 chair and an old ironing board converted to a TV table. Within a year she lands her first Hollywood film, the 2011 hit *Bridesmaids*, then wins moviegoers' hearts as scene-stealer Fat Amy in *Pitch Perfect*. Says Wilson: "Being bigger never stopped me from doing anything."

Thanks to cheeky confidence, curves and a knack for comedy, she made her dreams come true. "I was crushing it," says the 42-year-old actress, now starring in the Netflix film *Senior Year*. Still, she learned there was more to happiness than career success. "I was making millions of dollars. But then I'd have moments in my personal life I was not valuing myself because of my weight, not having good self-worth, not having kind thoughts."

It wasn't until a fertility doctor told her in 2019 she'd have a better chance of harvesting and freezing her eggs if she lost weight that she decided to change her lifestyle. "He looked me up and down and said, 'You'd do much better if you were healthier,'" says Wilson, who has polycystic ovary syndrome, a hormonal disorder that can affect fertility. "I was taken aback. I thought, 'Oh God, the guy's so rude.' [But] he was right. I was carrying around a lot of excess weight. It's almost like I didn't think of my own needs. I thought of a future child's needs. That really inspired me to get healthier."

And so she embarked on a "year of health" in 2020 that's continuing to transform her life. "Even though I think you can be confident at any size, I knew in my heart I wasn't behaving in a healthy way, just having a big bowl of ice cream for dinner," she says. She cut down on sweets, ate more lean protein and greens, exercised regularly (lifting weights and taking long walks) and slowly lost more than 80 lbs. "It wasn't a goal to get to a certain weight," she says. "I wanted to be the healthiest version of myself."

She met resistance early on. "There were people in my life saying, 'Why would you want to change anything?' but they didn't know the inside," she says. "The fear was maybe people won't find you funny anymore, but it was like, 'I'm turning 40, and it's time to change.'"

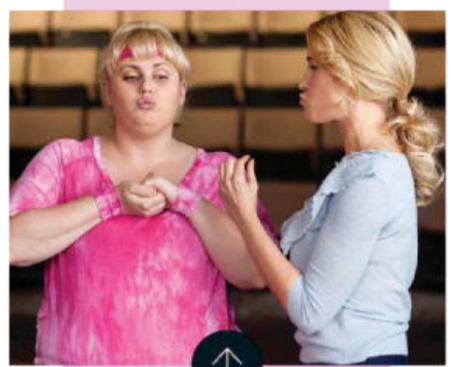
But that meant more than the number on the scale. "I thought of myself as trash, so I was treating myself as trash," she says bluntly. "I'll just eat all that rubbish and junk food and not treat myself with love and kindness and respect." At times facing her feelings was painful. "It was about dealing with the emotional issues that caused me to emotionally eat," she says. "You cry a lot. Analyze things. It's really hard to know why you don't feel worthy. That's what I'm trying to overcome."

Wilson, who was raised in a suburb of Sydney by parents who showed and bred beagles, believes her issues didn't stem from any particular trauma but were "just bits and pieces of learned behavior. Once I got busted at school because I had a whole bag of candy under my desk, and I was just eating it. It started very young. It's still hard to work out *why* I did."

Going through her health journey in the public eye was sometimes a disconcerting experience. Despite her film success, "I got way more attention when I did nothing but lose weight," she says. "But I get it. When Oprah would do episodes on weight loss, I was glued to the television."

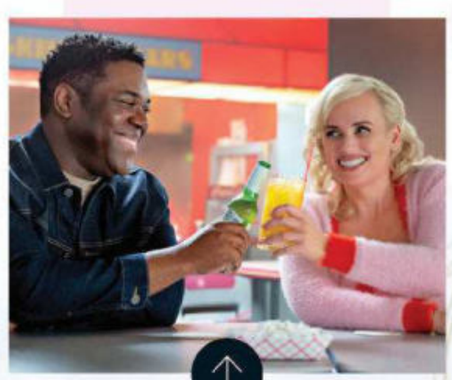
Hilarity & Heart

Bridesmaids, 2011
"Nobody who knew me when I was younger would have believed it," Wilson (with Matt Lucas) says of her breakout.

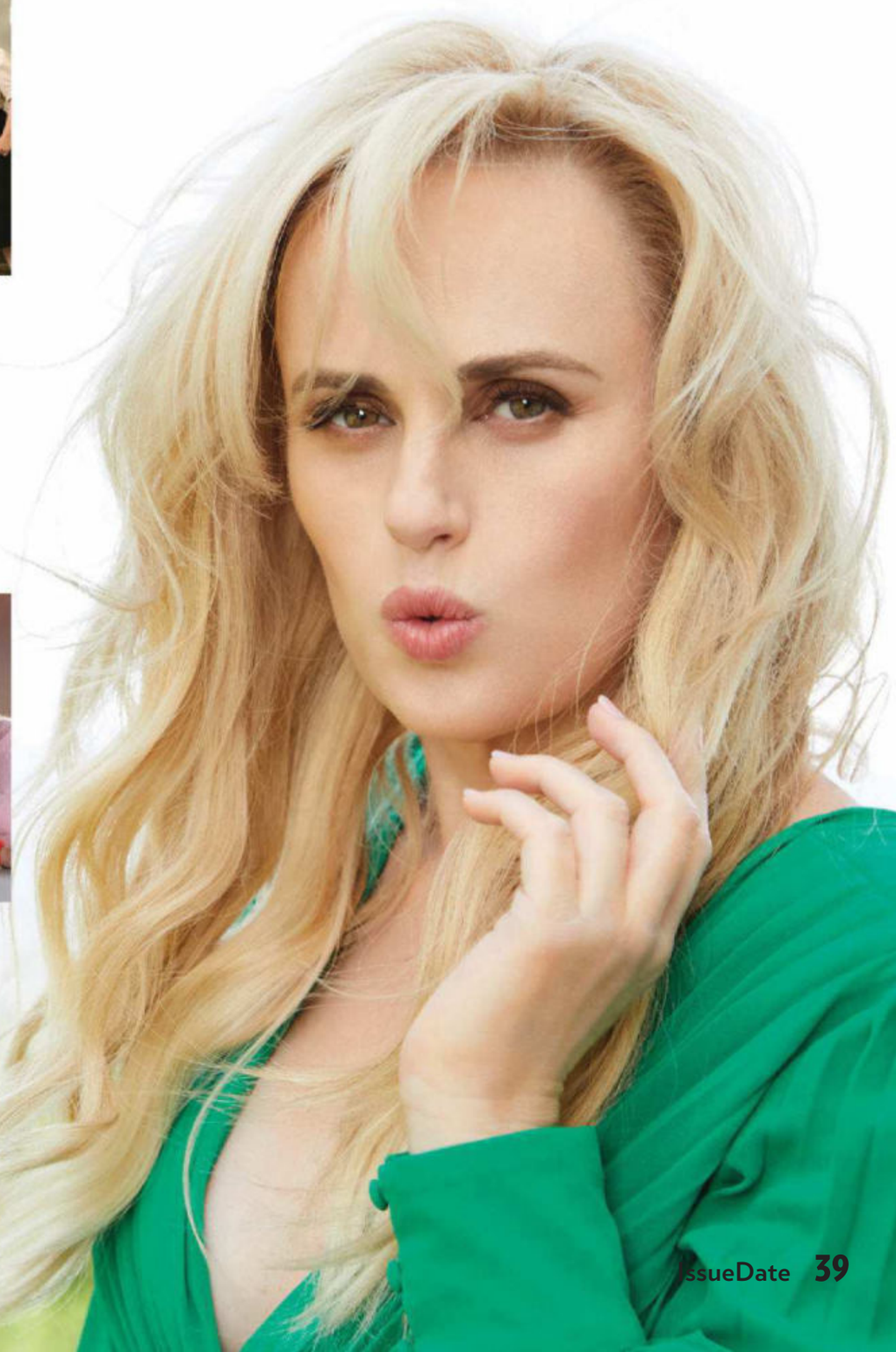


Pitch Perfect, 2012
"I turned my size into something positive," says Wilson (with Anna Camp).

Jojo Rabbit, 2019
She joined Sam Rockwell, Scarlett Johansson and Roman Griffin Davis in the acclaimed film.



Senior Year, 2022
"We made it with love," says Wilson (with Sam Richardson) of her new comedy. "I hope it brings people joy."



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Fun, Fit & Fantastic

Stylish on the Slopes
"Now I'm lucky if I weigh myself once a month," says Wilson (in Aspen in 2020).

Sweat Equity
Wilson (in 2020) alternates boxing workouts with hour-long walks. "Doesn't have to be uphill, just moderate," she says.

Birthday Suit
She traveled to the Brando private island resort in French Polynesia for a delayed 40th-birthday bash in 2021.

She also found herself treated differently in everyday life. "I was invisible in a way, even when I was an international movie star," she says. "And then suddenly to have people want to carry your groceries, do nice things for you, purely because of how you look, it's interesting," she says. "Fat Amy was probably my most favorite character I've ever played. I loved representing, and I was so confident, but I did feel at times insecure. Sometimes it's hard doing a photo shoot next to your fellow actress and she's a third the size of you." She's still coming to grips with those conflicting feelings. "There is a societal bias toward what society deems as good-looking," she says. "It's not right. It sucks. It's unfair. I feel sad if somebody doesn't love the body they're in."

A fierce advocate for body positivity, Wilson is working toward constructive change in the world, such as producing more films, including *Senior Year*. "I want to bring the hilariousness but also bring the heart," she says. And she makes sure "there's respect for everybody on the set." Several years ago, she says, she was harassed by a costar (whom she hasn't named) who called her into a room, pulled down his pants and asked her to perform a lewd act in front of his friends. "It was awful and disgusting," she recalls. "They kind of tried to destroy me and my career if I didn't play ball with them. I wish it had happened after #MeToo so I could just blast them." She did what she says she could: "Because I'm a lawyer, I documented it. Amongst industry circles, I made sure people knew what happened."

These days Wilson is thriving. A self-described "late bloomer," she's in a new romantic relationship. "It was a setup through a mutual friend," she says. "We spoke on the phone for a few weeks before meeting. That was a really good way to get to know each other. It's great to have met somebody who feels like an equal partner. There were times [with my exes] where there were things I was probably putting up with that I shouldn't have, so it feels different to be in a healthy relationship."

And she's hopeful about the future. "I would love to have a family," says Wilson. "I'm just going for it by myself at the moment because of the biological clock. If I meet the right person, great, and then they can fit in with whatever happens. You have so many options with surrogacy and sperm donors. I only started thinking of fertility when I was 39, so you feel quite late, but then there are women in their mid-40s who've been successful. Look at Janet Jackson—it's pretty inspiring."

> 'I always stuck to my guns about being myself'

She would be thrilled if the next chapter in her wild, wonderful, unexpected journey includes motherhood. "It's been an emotional roller coaster," she says. "Any woman who's gone through it I just relate to. I don't know how it's going to end, but I'm still young enough to try." ●

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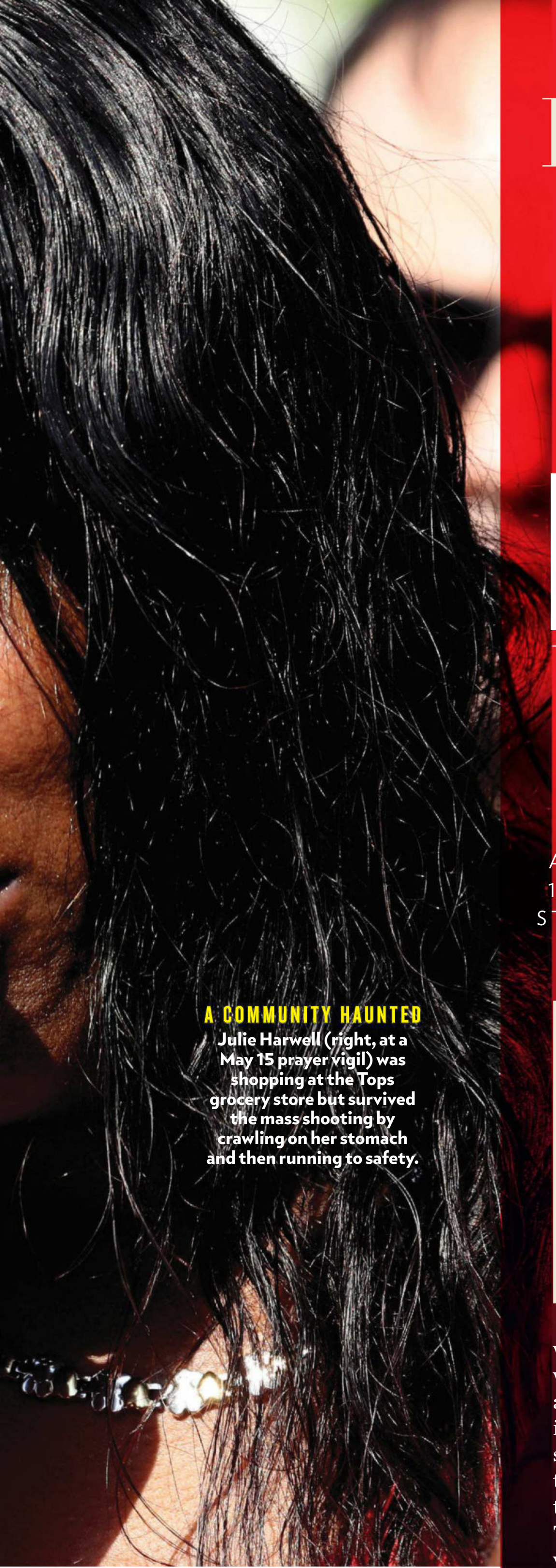


A COMMUNITY HAUNTED
Julie Harwell (right, at a May 15 prayer vigil) was shopping at the Tops grocery store but survived the mass shooting by crawling on her stomach and then running to safety.

Hate & Terror in Buffalo

'THIS IS PURE EVIL'

A HEAVILY ARMED WHITE SUPREMACIST KILLS 10 PEOPLE IN A BLACK COMMUNITY GROCERY STORE ON A BUSTLING SATURDAY AFTERNOON. INSIDE ANOTHER TRAGIC DAY IN AMERICA

By **SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL**

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon when Tamika Harper drove to her east Buffalo neighborhood's Tops Friendly Market to pick up chicken for a family dinner. As she was en route, a police car appeared behind her, blaring its sirens—"I thought he was pulling me over," Harper recalls—then blew past. "I was like, 'Whew!'" Her relief turned to cold dread as she drew near the store parking lot and found it packed with police, fire and medical vehicles. "I'm like, 'What the hell?' And then my mom was calling me because she knew I was on my way to Tops. She was crying, said there was a shooting. I said, 'Mom, I'm okay. I didn't even make it in.'" Harper lets out a cry of her own in the retelling. "And she said, 'But Auntie Gerri is in there.'"

Geraldine Chapman Talley, 62, shopping for deli meat and tea with her fiancé, was one of 10 people murdered (another three were wounded) on May 14 at the Tops grocery store in a racially motivated attack that shook this Black community—and a nation already straining at the seams of its divisions. "This was pure evil," said Erie County sheriff John Garcia. President Biden called it "an act perpetrated in the name of a repugnant white nationalist ideology…antithetical to everything we stand for in America." But in the pews of Buffalo's True Bethel Baptist Church, the pain was raw and personal. "One young lady at church on Sunday had lost a family member," explained

'FRIENDLY MARKET'
Tops (on May 15) is "a gathering place," says True Bethel Baptist Church bishop Darius Pridgen. Clerk Latisha is comforted (far right, May 15).

'THEY WERE SHOPPING, AND THEY RAN INTO A MONSTER'
—XZAVIA HENDERSON, RESIDENT

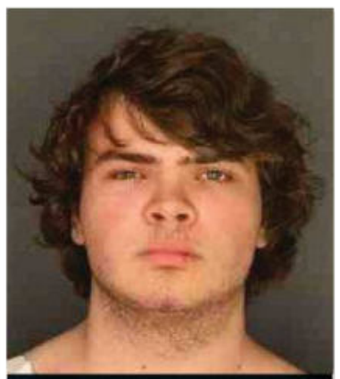
Bishop Darius Pridgen. "She hollered out over and over, 'Why? Why do they hate us so much?'"

There were no answers. Alleged shooter Payton S. Gendron, 18, who was taken into police custody at the scene after laying down his assault weapon, pleaded not guilty to first-degree-murder charges in what is being investigated as a federal hate crime.

According to authorities, Gendron targeted east Buffalo because of its large Black population (79 percent in the 2020 census) and drove 200 miles from his parents' home in rural Conklin, N.Y. (95 percent white), to stake out the store and launch his methodically planned attack. Gendron made clear in his writing that he was motivated by "replacement theory," a poisonous, racist ideology claiming whites are being deliberately replaced by people of color in America.

With a repugnant slur for Black people scrawled on the barrel of his assault rifle, Gendron live-streamed his carnage as he made his way from the Tops parking lot into the store, reportedly telling a white cashier, "I'm sorry," and sparing her as he carried on his rampage. Eleven of the teen's victims were Black; two were white.

Although Twitch, the social media platform where Gendron streamed his video, eventually took it down, the grisly footage circulated through



ACCUSED
Gendron has pleaded not guilty to charges. The FBI is investigating the case as "racially motivated violent extremism."

HONORING

Mothers, fathers, teachers, aunts, their east Buffalo community, rich

PEARL YOUNG, 77
She was an adored substitute teacher—who taught herself to use Zoom so she could work remotely during the pandemic—but she was tough too. "She loved to talk about making students in suspension write essays to understand what they did wrong," says Stephanie Courtney, a coworker at Emerson School of Hospitality. "She was not taking any nonsense, but she really loved the kids."

AARON SALTER, 55
The retired Buffalo police officer had faced a gunman before, in a 1996 burglary, but survived. An avid Buffalo Bills fan and musician, he was also an inventor who applied for a patent for green energy fuel for vehicles. As the Tops security guard who tried to stop a killer, he is also a hero, says his cousin Irvin Salter: "Serving and protecting, that's what he was there to do."

HEYWARD PATTERSON, 67
If the deacon wasn't helping people to their seats at the State Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, he could be found in front of Tops a few hours each day giving shoppers a ride home. Xzavia Henderson, who saw him about three times a week, says Heyward always had a smile. "He was churchgoing and very spiritual," she says. "All he wanted was to help people."

GERALDINE TALLEY, 62
The longtime executive assistant had stopped by Tops with her fiancé to pick up food for dinner. They got separated in the store when he went in search of tea and then hid in the freezer, unharmed. "She was such a beautiful woman," says her niece Tamika Harper. "She would give the shirt off her back to anybody. Why did this happen to her? Why?"

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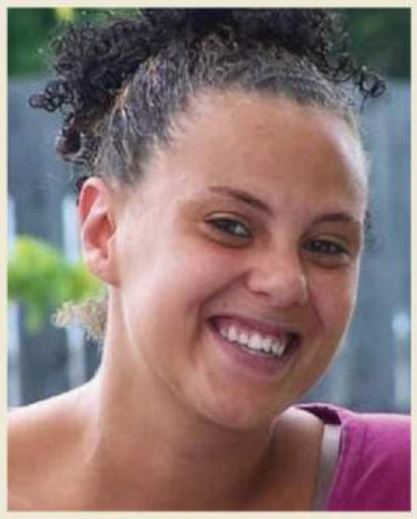
THE LIVES TAKEN

neighbors—they were the lifeblood and spirit of lives cut short by the shocking hatred of a stranger

MARGUS MORRISON, 52

When Margus's life partner of 28 years, Regina Patterson, went to nursing school, he stayed home with their kids. "He was an at-home dad at the time men weren't staying home," she says. He later worked as a school-bus monitor. Elicia Mielcarek, whose son Liam, 5, has autism, says he "felt safe with him and called him 'My Friend.' Mr. Morrison was a kind man."

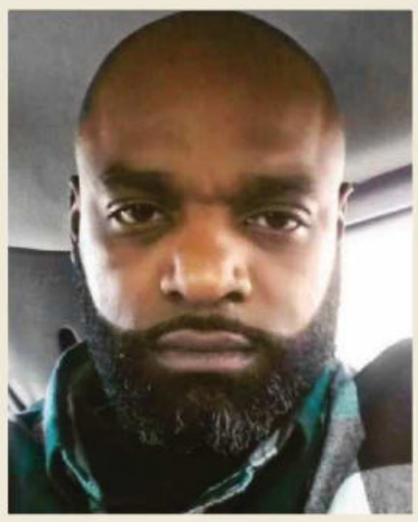


ROBERTA DRURY, 32

In 2010, when her brother Christopher needed multiple surgeries and a bone marrow transplant to treat his leukemia, Roberta moved to Buffalo to help. Roberta had walked over to Tops on May 14 to pick up groceries for dinner and was shot just outside the store. "She made sure family gatherings were about truly spending quality time together," says sister Amanda, 34.

CELESTINE CHANEY, 65

A single mom, Celestine liked nothing more than time spent with her only child, Wayne Jones Jr. "It was just me and her," he says. "I'd take her shopping. That's our little outing, laughing and talking." She celebrated her 65th birthday the weekend before she was killed. He planned to take her on a Caribbean cruise: "I was going to surprise her and buy the ticket."



ANDRE MACKNEIL, 53

Andre lived more than 100 miles from Buffalo and was in town for his grandson's birthday. He had stopped into Tops to buy the boy a surprise birthday cake before heading over to the house. "He never came out," Andre's cousin Clarissa Alston-McCutcheon told the AP. "Just a loving and caring guy. Loved family. Was always there for his family."

RUTH WHITFIELD, 86

With four children, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and husband Garnell, whom she tended every day as he struggled with dementia in a nursing home for eight years, Ruth had a passion for family. "She loved us beyond measure, unconditionally. She loved us to a fault, even when we were wrong," says her son Garnell Jr., a former Buffalo fire commissioner.

KATHERINE MASSEY, 72

She had no children—unless you count all the people in her Cherry Street neighborhood. A passionate community activist, "Kat" bought clothes for the area homeless shelter, paid to have neighbors' lawns cut when they couldn't afford to and volunteered at local schools. "If you met her, you loved her," says nephew Damone Mapps.

the terrorized community—and beyond. Wayne Jones Jr., whose mom, Celestine Chaney, 65, was at Tops to buy the fixings for her favorite strawberry shortcake, avoided the video while he waited at the store's police barricades Saturday to hear from her. "They weren't telling us anything, so I went home," Jones said. "My daughter had seen the [video], and she's like, 'Dad. Do you know what Grandma had on when she left?' I said, 'No, just send it to me.' And boom, that's my mom. He shot her once, ran out of bullets, reloaded and…"

Garnell Whitfield Jr. called such cold-blooded hate, along with easily accessible guns, "a cancer that's metastasizing." His mother, Ruth, 86, was murdered inside Tops after her daily visit with her husband, living with dementia in a nursing home.

The store was an oasis of fresh produce and friendly faces in an urban food desert. "That's what makes it so exhausting for so many African Americans and Brown people," says Bishop Pridgen, who also serves as Buffalo's city council president. "We experience racism much too often, but no one expects it in a place of gathering that is normally a place of peace."

Peace now feels a long way off, with the stakes reaching far beyond this corner of New York. "Hate doesn't need a reason," says Veronica Hemphill-Nichols, witness to the murders in the parking lot. "It only needs a target." Adds the grieving Whitfield: "As a society, as a human race, something's got to change. Or we don't have long as a nation."

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KEEPING FAITH

As a memorial grew near the store, so did the resolve to carry on. "I don't want to live in fear," says Xzavia Henderson (below, May 15).

THE BACHELORETTE'S
JOJO FLETCHER
& JORDAN RODGERS

EXCLUSIVE People EXCLUSIVE

'He's Still the One!'

SIX YEARS AFTER THEIR TELEVISED ENGAGEMENT, THE COUPLE TIE THE KNOT IN A ROMANTIC VINEYARD CEREMONY

By **AILI NAHAS**

Photographs by VALORIE DARLING

Newly Wed
"We waited so long for this moment," says JoJo. The couple were married by their friend Pete Wilson.

Sweet Treat
"We wanted our wedding to be traditional but playful," says JoJo, who chose a red-velvet cake.

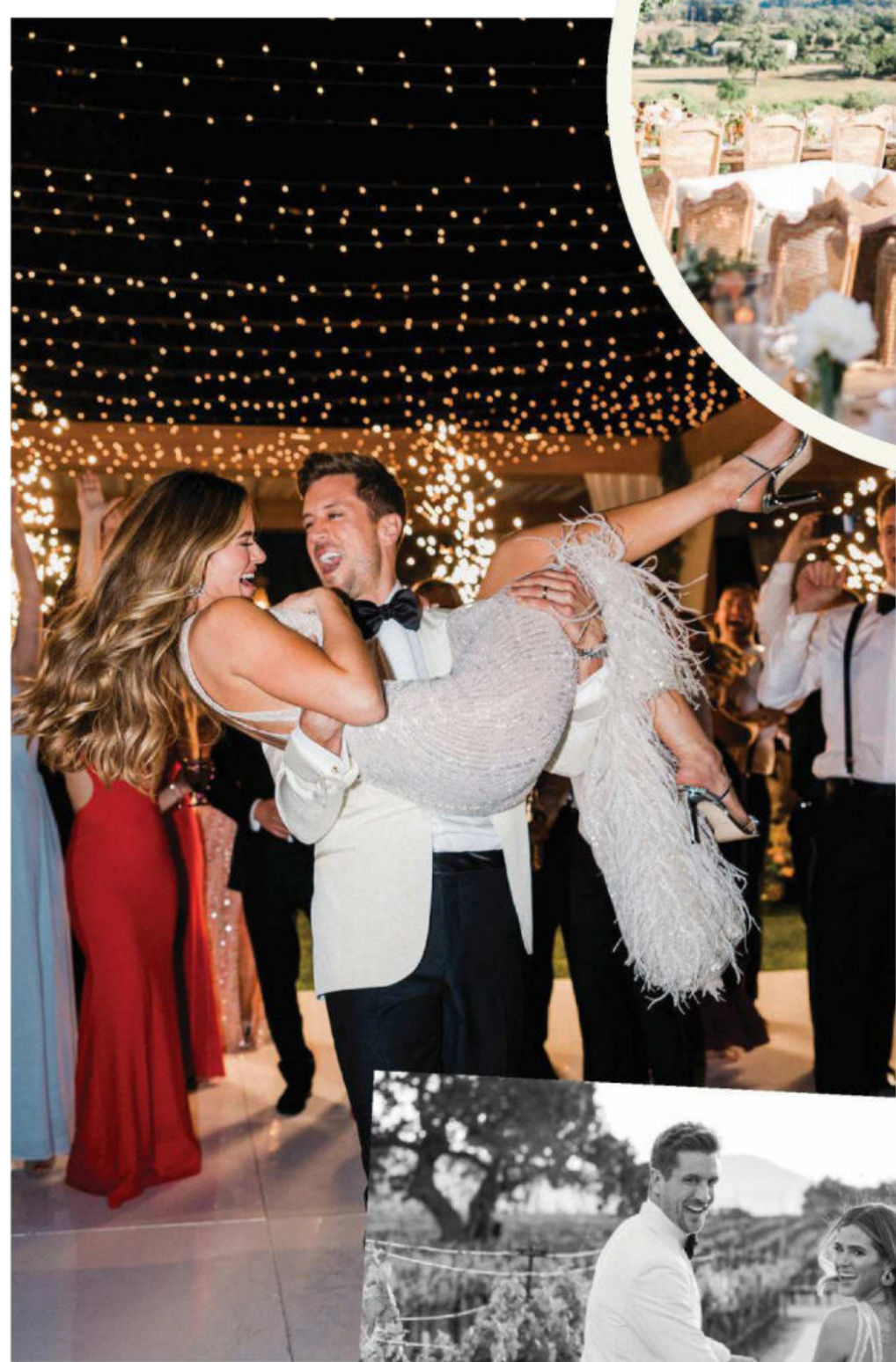
Rustic Romance
Tables from Found Rentals and spring blooms by Hidden Garden Flowers set the tone for the Italian-inspired dinner.

In the years since their 2016 engagement on *The Bachelorette*, JoJo Fletcher and Jordan Rodgers have had to postpone their wedding twice due to the pandemic. They even briefly considered eloping. "At one point we did say, 'Should we just get married and celebrate later?'" says JoJo, 31, a real estate investor. "But then we realized we'd waited so long already, we wanted to just ride it out and make our day exactly what we wanted it to be."

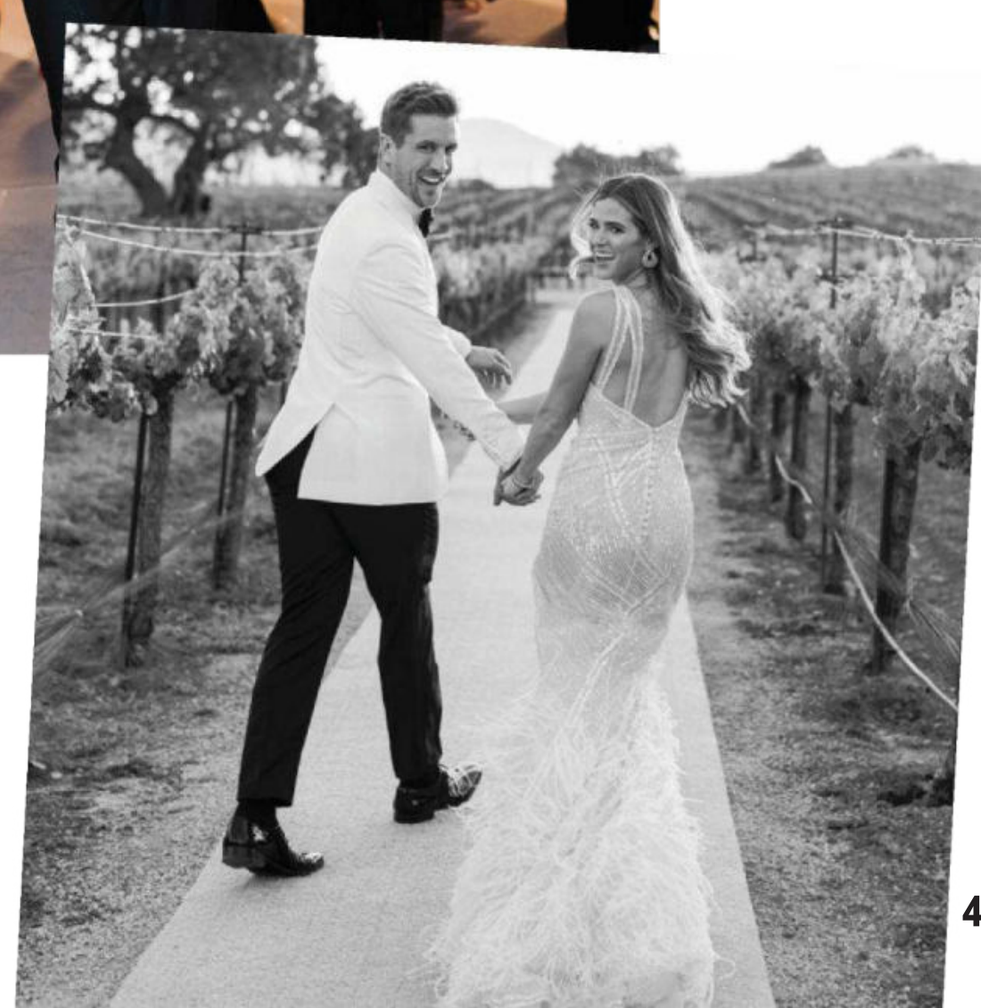
And so on May 14 JoJo and the sports commentator, 33, tied the knot at Sunstone Winery in Santa Ynez, Calif., surrounded by family and friends—including *Bachelor* franchise stars Becca Tilley, Raven Gates and Adam Gottschalk as well as athletes Tim Tebow and Shawn Johnson East. "It is so surreal that we finally made it here," says JoJo, who wore an Ines di Santo gown. "We are feeling over the moon!" Says Jordan: "The longer our relationship has gone on, the more I love JoJo's heart. I love being a part of her life."

For the nuptials, produced by Leila Lewis of Be Inspired PR and designed by Gianna SanFilippo, the couple chose a rustic, neutral palette that complemented the venue's organic vibe. After the vows, guests gathered for a dinner of pasta and fish by Colette's Catering followed by a night of celebration under the stars.

The couple's first dance was fitting: Shania Twain's "You're Still the One." "The words resonated so much with us," says JoJo, who will honeymoon with Jordan in Greece. "We made it. And I am truly marrying my best friend. Jordan is my favorite part of every day." ●



Party Time
For the reception, JoJo changed into a sparkly gown with feather details by J.Andreatta. "It has a little more pizzazz," she says.



A Happy Day
"Jordan has been my fiancé for so long, it's going to be fun to call him my husband," says JoJo. "We're so ready for our next chapter."

SINGER BOBBY BROWN

'No Father Should Go Through This'

AFTER LOSING TWO OF HIS CHILDREN TO DRUGS, THE STAR FACES GRIEF AND FINDS PURPOSE

By **JANINE RUBENSTEIN**

Photographs by **NOLWEN CIFUENTES**

Bittersweet Mementos
Brown (in L.A. on April 19) wears a chain with a photo of Bobbi Kristina and a bracelet in honor of Bobby Jr. "Their relationship was tight," he says. "They were both musicians."

Bobby Brown has been having a recurring dream, and he hopes it never goes away. "I always see them at beaches or in fields. And I'm always trying to get to them," he says of his late children, daughter Bobbi Kristina and son Bobby Jr., who died at ages 22 and 28 in 2015 and 2020, respectively, as a result of drug abuse. "They're running away, but they're laughing. And they're always together. I didn't have many dreams about Bobbi Kris before Bobby Jr. died. But then all of a sudden—floods of dreams." What's most important to Brown, he adds, is that his children are happy in his visions. "That's enough for a father to feel like God has them," he says. "That makes me get through the day a little bit easier."

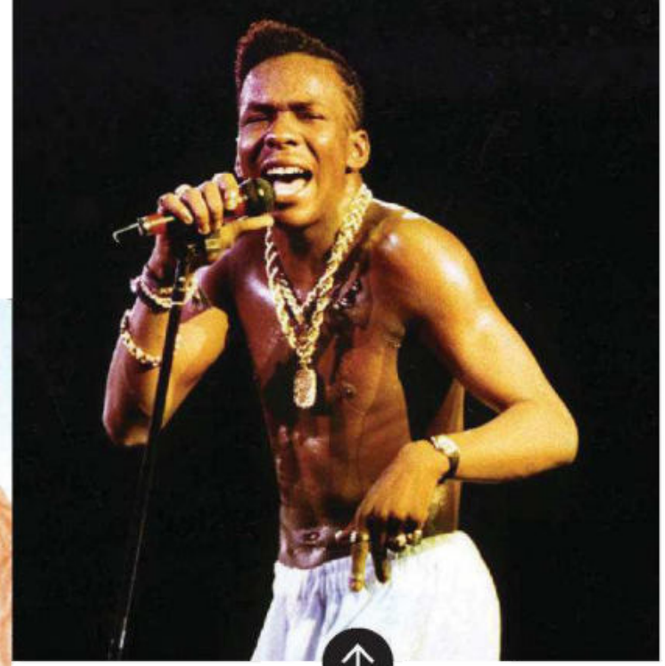
For the 53-year-old R&B music hitmaker, who has faced a lifetime of trauma and tragedy, these lucid dreams salve the pain of his greatest losses. Another coping mechanism: sharing his own harrowing story of addiction and redemption. In a new two-part docuseries, *Biography: Bobby Brown* (premiering May 30 on A&E), the singer opens up about his difficult journey, including his ill-fated marriage with the late superstar Whitney Houston and the deaths of his children. "I don't wish that on my worst enemy," he says.

INSETS, FROM LEFT: WENN; MAURY PHILLIPS/GETTY IMAGES

YOUNG, WILD & FREE

Baby Bobby
Brown (ca. 1975) says he began taking sips of alcohol at age 7 or 8. He harbors both fond and deeply painful memories of his childhood in Boston.

New Edition
Made up of talented friends from his neighborhood, the band (in 1984) sold more than 20 million records worldwide.



Breakout Bad Boy
"It was about really doing it my way," says Brown (in 1989) of finding solo success with his sexed-up image. "I wanted to entertain and not hold anything back."

Through the last several heartbreaking years, Brown's family has been his saving grace. His wife and manager, Alicia Etheredge-Brown, 48, whom he married in 2012, and the couple's three young children, Cassius, 13, Bodhi, 6, and Hendrix, 5, help ease the burden of his past. Still, he feels looking back helps him move forward. "Doing this documentary right now is very therapeutic for me," he says. "To go back and get out all the cobwebs, clear my conscience and move on with life."

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Brown's journey began in a rough neighborhood in Boston, where his first loss was his innocence. He recalls watching police beat and arrest his mother as she tried to intervene in the arrest of some of his neighbors. In the aftermath he was sent to stay at a religious facility, where, he says, he was molested by a priest. "I had tucked it down so deep," he says of the memory. "That really bothered me as a child and an adult. It's part of the reason I did things like drugs and alcohol, why I abused myself."

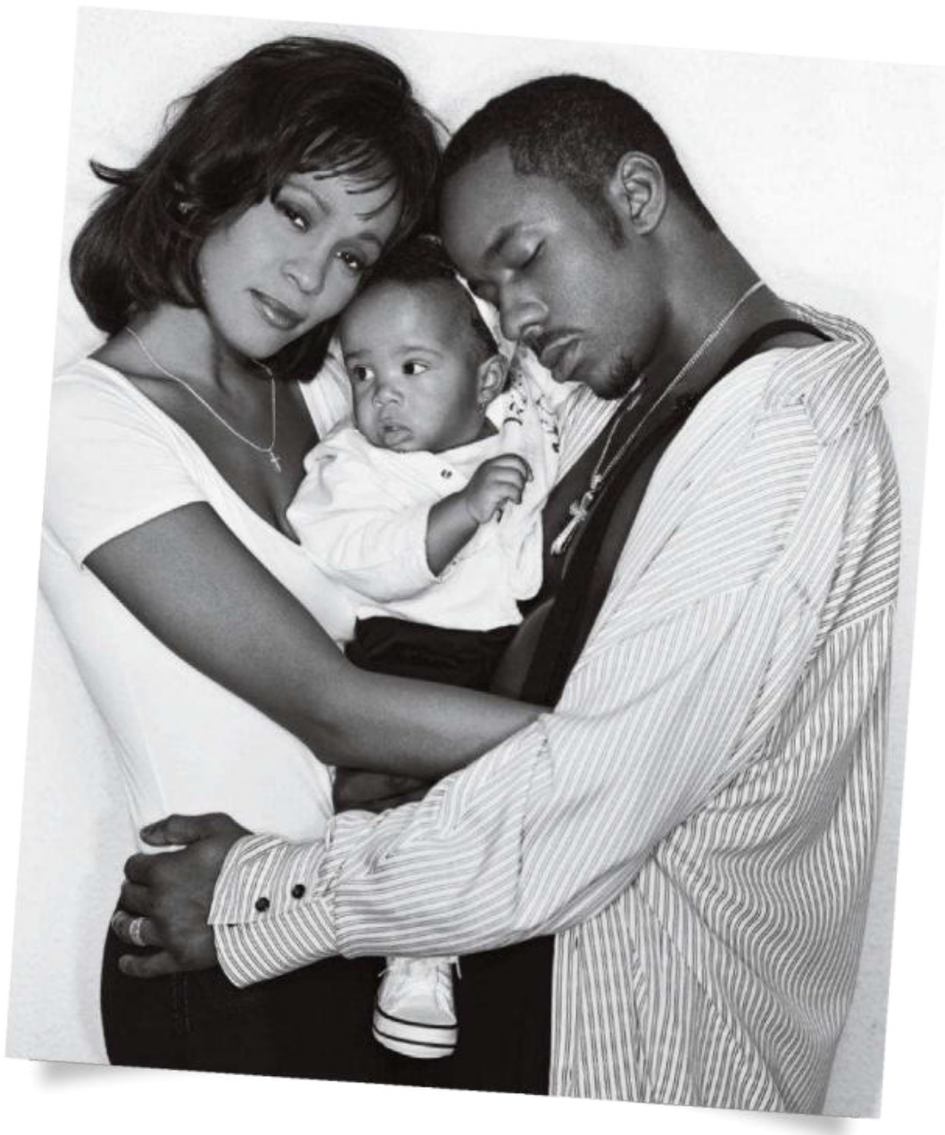
> 'I'd tell my younger self, "You don't have to grow up so fast"'
> – BOBBY BROWN

He first gained fame with the sugary-sweet boy band New Edition, but Brown quickly became known as a rebel. "He was fun and crazy and full of energy," says Etheredge-Brown, who first met her husband in the late '80s, after he was ousted from the group for erratic behavior. Interjects Brown, who chuckles now at his "bad boy" persona: "I was full of *something*." Brown adopted an edgier sound and shot to success as a solo artist with hits like 1988's "My Prerogative" and Grammy-winning "Every Little Step." But when he began dating golden girl Houston, the world was convinced they were ill-matched. As her career soared and his plateaued, Brown largely became known as a corrupter of Houston's pristine image.

It wasn't until after Houston's death in 2012—she drowned in a hotel bathtub while using cocaine—that many close to the couple revealed that Houston had influenced Brown in the use of hard drugs like coke and heroin. Over the years their daughter Bobbi Kristina witnessed their vices and their struggles. Brown says he's been clean of narcotics for 20 years and has been sober from alcohol for nearly two years. "It was really rough because I was so addicted. I had to be put into medical detox first," he says. "And then the Bible got me through. It was about becoming healthier for my daughter and for the rest of my kids."

After his divorce from Houston in 2007, he worried about Bobbi Kristina and what she was being exposed to. But when he raised concerns with Houston, who had been granted sole custody of their daughter, Brown says, "it fell on deaf ears." Still, he never thought that Houston would succumb to her addictions: "I thought she was getting herself together. I didn't think she would turn back."

When Houston died, his first thought was of Bobbi Kristina. "I knew she would just be gone," he says of his daughter's grief. "Her mother was her best friend." Brown says he lost contact with Bobbi Kristina for three years because of long-



Life With Whitney
The young couple (with Bobbi Kristina in 1993) faced years of ups and downs. "Our relationship was tumultuous," says Brown in the documentary. "We fought hard, and we loved hard." Of her drug relapse and death in 2012, he says, "I think we could have helped each other out. I think she'd still be here if we hadn't divorced."

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A New Start
"I'm the yin to his yang," says wife Alicia Etheredge-Brown (with Brown and their kids, from left: Hendrix, Cassius and Bodhi). Their love will be on display in A&E's reality series *Bobby Brown: Every Little Step*, premiering May 31.

standing tensions between him and Houston's family. "There were many reasons and many people orchestrating that," says Etheredge-Brown. When they did reconnect, "it was beautiful," he remembers. "Anytime I could even be on the phone with her or FaceTime with her was something special." Shortly after their reunion, Bobbi Kristina was found unresponsive in a bathtub at her home in Atlanta with a mix of drugs in her system, a tragic echo of her mother's last moments.

Bobbi Kristina died in 2015 after six months in a coma. "She's here with me. She'll be with me forever," says Brown. He publicly placed blame on Bobbi Kristina's boyfriend Nick Gordon, who died of a heroin overdose at 30 in 2020. Brown was in treatment for alcohol abuse at a facility in Antigua when he learned of Gordon's death. "I don't know if I felt sorry for his family or relieved that I didn't have to worry about him walking around anymore, hurting someone else," he says.

Then Brown was rocked by the loss of another child. Bobby Brown Jr., a musician and the son he shared with ex Kim Ward, died of an overdose of alcohol, cocaine and fentanyl in November 2020. "With Bobby Jr., it came to me in such a horrible way," says Brown. "I knew my son smoked weed, but other drugs… To find out that that was what eventually took his life was just a shock to me." Adds Etheredge-Brown: "To say that we were going to lose two children in that way is just hard to believe."

The couple want to spread the message about the dangers of drug abuse, particularly fentanyl. "I want to make sure that no other family, no other father, has to go through that," says Brown. "I've cried, but not how I want to. I really want to just scream at the top of my lungs and cry, but it's just not there."

He's now back on the road with New Edition. Still, his main focus is being a present father and husband. "After the tour, I just want to stay home, relax and play with the kids," says Brown, who also has two other adult children. And with his wife's support, he's prioritizing his sobriety. "I work hard at staying sober every day of my life," he says. "I have so many people rooting for me to be the best Bobby I can be." ●

Back on Tour
"Before, I could run out onstage and entertain at the drop of a hat," says Brown (in March), who has suffered from heart issues in recent years. New Edition's latest tour "should have been sponsored by Bengay!" he jokes.

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double talk

MICHELLE DOCKERY & ELIZABETH McGOVERN

Downtime With a *Downton* Duo

AFTER PLAYING A DAUGHTER AND MOM FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, THE ACTRESSES FEEL LIKE 'PROPER FAMILY'

By **ERIC ANDERSSON**

Hey, Neighbor "We live very close to one another," says Dockery (above, with McGovern, Samantha Bond and Laura Carmichael in *A New Era* and below at the London premiere on April 25).

"What is a weekend?" Maggie Smith's character famously asks on the first season of Downton Abbey, *the 2010-2015 PBS sensation about the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in early-20th-century England. For stars Elizabeth McGovern, 60, and Michelle Dockery, 40, it's a chance to reconnect while promoting* Downton Abbey: A New Era, *the sequel to the hit 2019 film that continued the saga. Chatting with* People *on a recent Sunday, the longtime friends—who play heiress Cora Crawley and her formidable daughter Lady Mary, respectively—dished about their cast group text,* Real Housewives *obsession and enduring bond. Says Dockery: "We're a proper family!"*

What were your first impressions of each other?

MICHELLE DOCKERY I immediately adored Elizabeth. And we all became very close very quickly, didn't we?

ELIZABETH McGOVERN We did. My first scene with Michelle, I remember thinking, "Oh my God, I've got to watch this girl, because I have a lot to learn from her." The way I cut my teeth in the business, it was a lot more coddling. There was a lot more rehearsal and discussion in theater. I saw Michelle just do it and not make a thing of it and do it brilliantly. And I remember thinking, "Oh my God, I have to pull my socks up here."

What does the friendship you've formed mean to you?

DOCKERY It's quite emotional, really.

McGOVERN I feel so much love for Michelle, just like she is a daughter. And it's not something that normally happens to me. I'm so proud of her, and if she ever has a rough time, I feel it in my bones.

Did you take anything from the set, thinking perhaps this is the final installment?

DOCKERY Our [production] designer Donal [Woods] came up to me one day with this little Tupperware with something in it, and it said "Mary's dog." And I'd just forgotten for a second what this thing was, and I opened it, and it's the little toy dog that Mary gives [future husband] Matthew [in season 2 when he goes off to war].

McGOVERN I'm asked that a lot, and I think, "God, why didn't I think of stealing something?"

***Downton Abbey* is like comfort food to fans. What's your comfort viewing?**

McGOVERN Uh-oh. Don't ask. You don't want to know.

DOCKERY *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.*

McGOVERN We're obsessed. I tried to fight it.

DOCKERY If anyone wants to know what I was doing while we were doing this film, I was watching *The Housewives of Beverly Hills.*

What's the last thing someone wrote in your *Downton Abbey* group text?

McGOVERN "Meet you at the bar." ●

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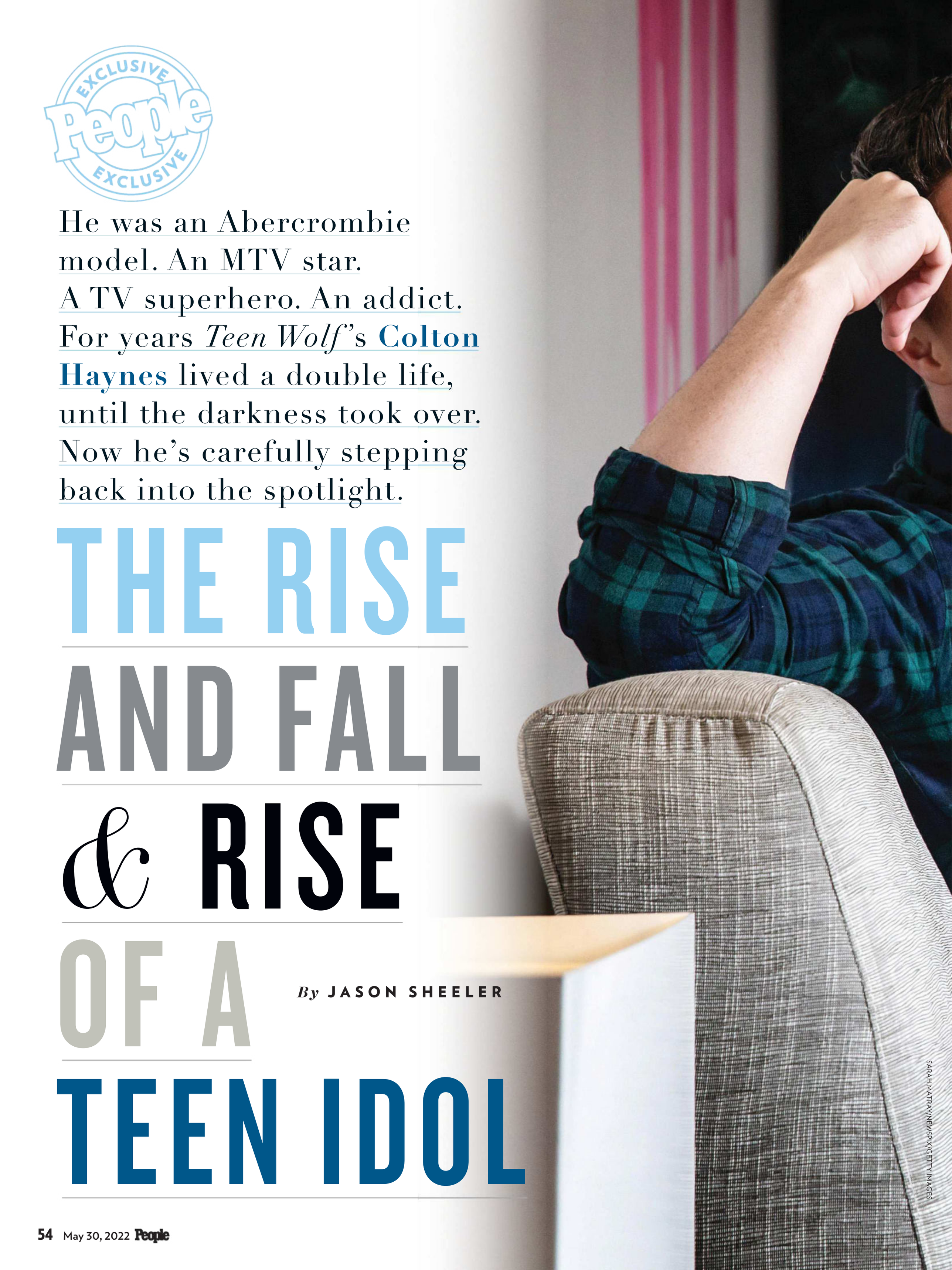

EXCLUSIVE People EXCLUSIVE

He was an Abercrombie model. An MTV star. A TV superhero. An addict. For years *Teen Wolf*'s **Colton Haynes** lived a double life, until the darkness took over. Now he's carefully stepping back into the spotlight.

THE RISE AND FALL & RISE OF A TEEN IDOL

By JASON SHEELER

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When a 15-year-old Colton Haynes was summoned from Kansas to meet with a big modeling agency in 2004, he arrived in New York City four inches taller. "I duct-taped underwear into little rolls and stuffed them into boots too big for me," he remembers. "I just wanted to be what everyone else wanted me to be."

What the modeling world needed? A six-foot, blue-eyed, lantern-jawed pinup. What Haynes wanted? To be desired. "We were poor as s---. And I knew that my looks were my only currency," he explains. "I leaned into that so hard." When the agency learned he was only 5′8″, it gave him a week to book a job, or he was out; he landed an Abercrombie & Fitch ad on day three.

Now 33, Haynes can look back at that pivotal, star-making moment and connect some dots. Raised in poverty by a mom with substance abuse issues and a combustible dad who turned up now and then, Haynes had an athletic older brother (with whom he'd fight over food stamps) and dreams of being the male Kate Moss. "Delusion was my first drug," he says. What he did become was a teen idol, segueing from modeling to acting and starring on two series with massive fan bases: *Teen Wolf* and *Arrow*. He ascended quickly, but he couldn't outrun childhood trauma—pain that helped fuel an eating disorder and addiction. "Today I know I'm only as sick as my secrets," he says.

So he wrote them all down, in a new memoir, *Miss Memory Lane*. "I needed to rid myself of these things I've held on to for so long."

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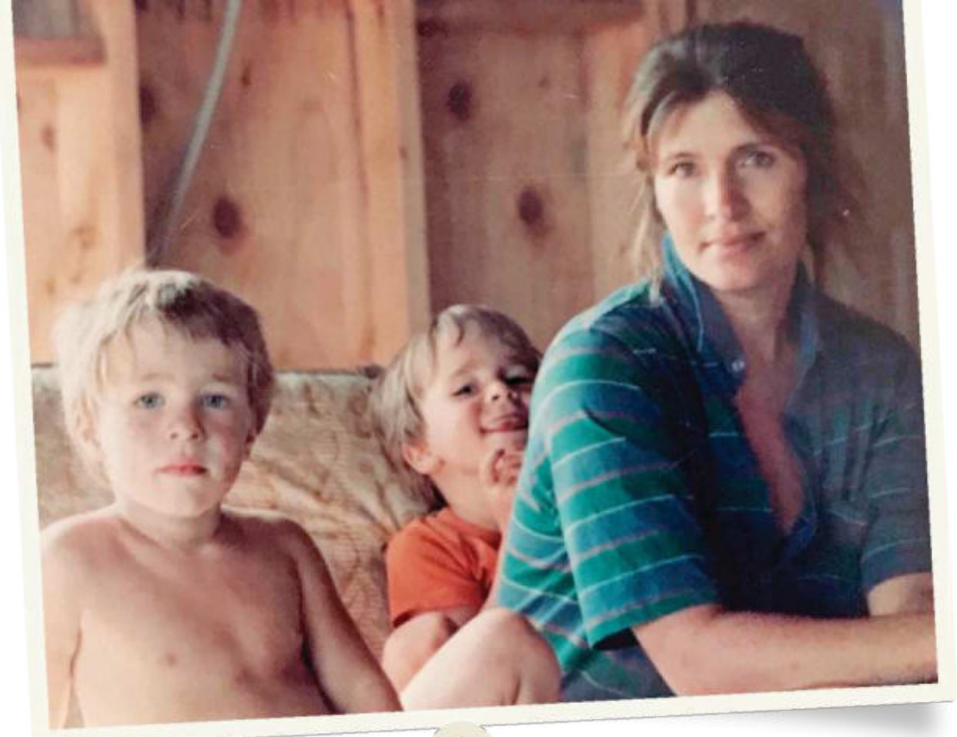
Long before he could recite the names of supermodels, Haynes knew two things. One, he was gay. And two, he wanted to be a storm chaser. Growing up along so-called Tornado Alley, first in Arkansas and then outside Wichita, Kans., he would watch the dark clouds gather every spring. The air would become heavy, moist and silent. A moment of serenity, then violence. "I'd watch the tornadoes approach," he recalls. "How can something so beautiful be so destructive?"

Inside the house, things swirled just as fast. "My parents had this volatile, really dangerous love. That 'love in a hopeless place' kind of situation. That Rihanna song. My mom was afraid for us when my dad would return, but she was also eager to get us out of the house so they could rip it apart."

When Haynes wasn't hypnotized by funnel clouds, throwing rocks at passing cars or sneaking turns in his mother's stilettos ("I walk better in heels than sneakers," he says with a laugh), he watched Rosie O'Donnell's talk show and longed to get out of town. "I sent her so many tapes of me dancing to 'NSync songs." He began having furtive relationships with other boys early on and by high school had one with a much older man. At night he danced as a go-go boy in a gay bar—a job he'd secured with a fake ID.

"Even at 15 I had learned sex was not about love but a tool," he says. "Once I knew something was going to get me the attention I wanted, there was nothing holding me back from using my body or doing whatever I could to help me get that love I needed." Haynes begins to cry. "I didn't really have much of a childhood. I was so angry."



NOT CAMERA-SHY
"She was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," Haynes says of his late mother, Dana (with Colton, left, and his brother Clinton in 1992). "I feel like she's still with me."

'MY CAREER IS BASED OFF HOW I LOOK, AND HOW I LOOK COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM WHO I TRULY AM'
– COLTON HAYNES

He had been sexually abused. It started when he was 6, and the man was his uncle. "Now I know that it was the first time I felt like someone saw me for who I was. Like, he made me feel special." Haynes remembers the contradictory emotions. "I knew I wasn't supposed to be doing those things, but with him I *could* do those things. As a kid, you don't know that those things are wrong, but you also instinctively know you can't say anything." He is still dealing with the effects. "I've always had issues with sex because, well, it's a tricky thing to navigate whenever you're forced to do that at a very young age."

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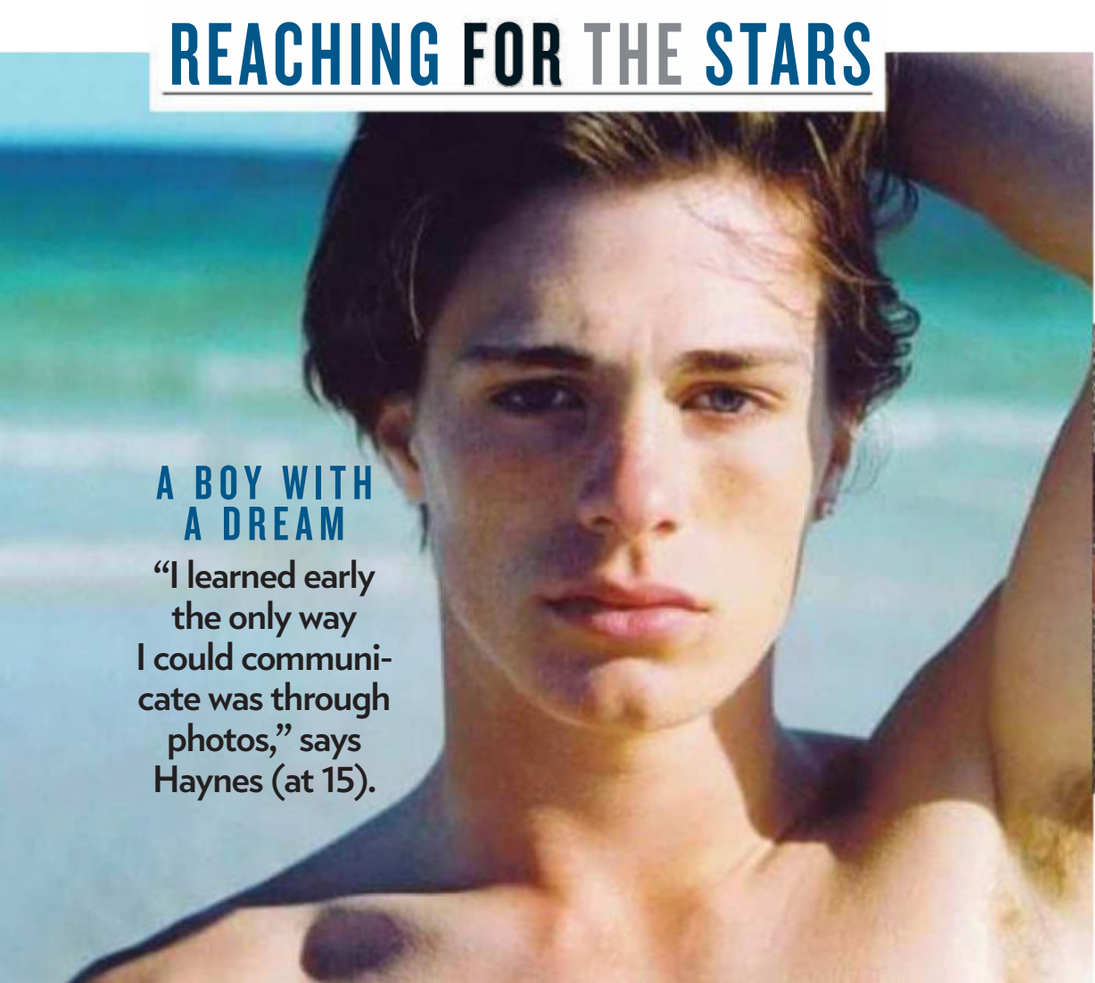
His first job in Hollywood, where he moved in 2007: a phone-sex operator. He appeared on the MTV reality show *The Hills,* took acting classes and began auditioning. Then he quickly hit a roadblock. "They said, 'Gosh, he looks like a star, but his mannerisms and the way he sounds, too gay.'" He had to fix his lisp. "I put a Post-it under my tongue." He also went to a movement class "to straighten up my mannerisms. I knew I had to change everything about myself." He had been out for several years, but he reentered the closet.

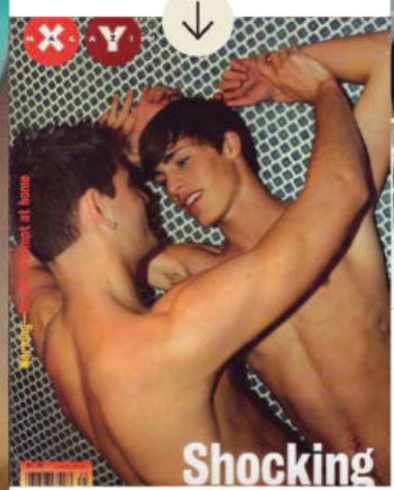
Here's the thing—it all worked. Haynes was cast as Jackson Whittemore on the MTV series *Teen Wolf* in 2011 and became one of those young stars fans mobbed at malls. He left that show over contract negotiations in 2012 and was then cast as reformed criminal Roy Harper on *Arrow*. But the more successful he became, the more boxed in he felt. He began living a double life, filming during the day and going to bars and clubs at night, hooking up using an alias. He says he tried to come out several times, but agents and managers encouraged him

REACHING FOR THE STARS



A BOY WITH A DREAM
"I learned early the only way I could communicate was through photos," says Haynes (at 15).

A BIG BREAK
Haynes (right) appeared on a 2006 cover of the gay magazine *XY*. His manager later feared it would derail his career.



BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL IN *TEEN WOLF*
Haynes (with costar Charlie Carver, left) played a jock turned werewolf in the popular MTV series.

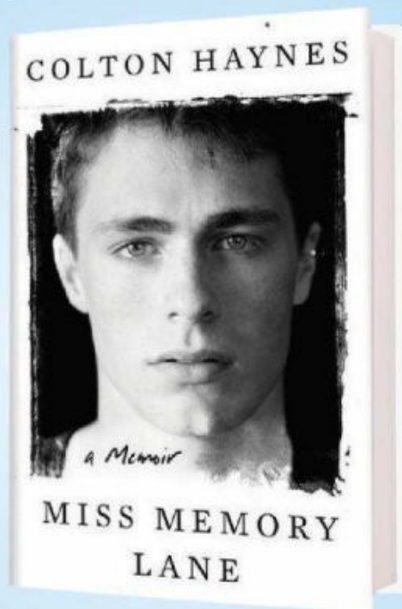
FROM BOTTOM RIGHT: EVERETT; SCOTT EVERETT WHITE/MTV

'WRITING THIS BOOK ALMOST BROKE ME'

In his memoir Haynes revisits his road from modeling to acting and from the closet to openly gay and back again. Here, he recalls the pain of trying to be the man he thought Hollywood wanted.

By 22, I was more of a man, even if I was playing a high schooler on TV. My demeanor was chipper, but my voice was low, and my mannerisms were on mute. I wore a slight variation of the same wardrobe to all four of my auditions for *Teen Wolf*: a checkered flannel shirt under a letterman jacket I found at a thrift store, and high-top Jordans to hide my lifts and my 5-foot-8-inch height. I kept that varsity style to help butch myself up a bit. I had learned the tools I needed to suppress my affect, to make my personality match the way I looked—like a stupid, dumb jock—with just enough silly charm that people would still like me.

What they didn't understand was that to be in my position meant being judged on the biggest possible stage. I was too gay to play the lead, and too modelesque to play anything but mean or stupid. I was constantly being told by casting directors, and my team, that my look was too threatening—a term that incensed me. It meant my face would take away from the material, or the other people cast, as if I were a pit bull who needed to be reined in. I wanted desperately to be able to show people the real me, so they could see beyond my features, so they could meet the silly, sensitive big kid I was at my core—but having a career and the ability to live as my true self felt mutually exclusive.



not to. He developed addictions to Adderall (to lose weight and stay awake) and Xanax (to chill out).

Haynes left *Arrow* in 2015 during its third season (he would return to the show occasionally) and came out publicly in 2016. That's when the parts suddenly dried up. "I am only offered roles like the 'gay best friend' today." Requests for paid posts on social media, which he relied upon financially, also vanished. "The only thing I was offered after I came out was to be the face of [queer-hookup app] Grindr," he says. He married celebrity florist Jeff Leatham in 2017 and filed for divorce six months later.

In 2018 Haynes overdosed on a bottle of OxyContin, a bottle of Xanax and a bottle of tequila and woke up in a Los Angeles hospital. "I had tubes coming out of every hole in my body. I couldn't see out of my left eye." He acknowledges it was a suicide attempt. "My mother had died [earlier that year] from alcoholism. My dad had killed himself with OxyContin. I had set out not to be anything like my parents."

After a stint in rehab, Haynes is now sober, with a fresh perspective, a new memoir, an understanding of and appreciation for his mother, and a part in the *Teen Wolf* reboot movie. Though he's back in the game, he says some things haven't changed: "Name one leading actor, male romantic lead, who's openly gay?" There is, however, one thing he's not ready to change. He reaches down and reveals the lifts in his shoes. "Today I'm 6′2″." ●

FLAWED HERO

"I was playing a superhero [on *Arrow*], but my addiction was thriving," says Haynes (with Willa Holland in 2018). "If there's anything I regret, it's cutting my time on the show short. But I had to, or I don't know if I would be alive today."

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A single woman, an orphaned child—an instant connection

Becoming Family

A PHOTO OF BABY EMILIA—BORN WITHOUT ARMS AND LEGS—SENT JACQUI McNEILL ON A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ADOPT HER

By **CAITLIN KEATING**

It's life's little victories, like cooking dinner and persuading her 4-year-old daughter Emilia to eat every bite, that fills single mom Jacqui McNeill with joy. Emilia likes to sit in her toddler seat on the kitchen counter and watch wide-eyed as her mom makes a variety of curries and rice dishes from scratch—"'picy India," Emilia calls them. Mealtime can take up to three hours, and "she makes a huge mess," Jacqui says with a laugh. But if Mom tries to speed her up, the plucky little girl pushes her away with her favorite go-to phrase—"I got it."

Such moments of mother-daughter magic are nothing short of miraculous, says Jacqui, 29. In the almost two years since she first received a photo of Emilia—who was born without arms and legs, due to a rare and often fatal condition called tetra-amelia syndrome—Jacqui has fought to give the little girl the best possible chance at life. When Jacqui was approved as a single mom to adopt Emilia from the Kerala, India, orphanage where the child had spent her life, "they told me, 'Good luck. She's a grumpy child. She never smiles,'" says Jacqui. "But she's a little fighter. She doesn't do anything but smile, and she's had a lot to overcome."

Sweet Spot "Once she came home, she just came to life," says Jacqui (with daughter Emilia in Wadsworth, Ohio, in November 2021).

Becoming a mother is the fulfillment of Jacqui's lifelong dream. Raised by Irish Catholic parents, she began caring for her seven younger siblings (in a family of 11 kids) after her mom died suddenly of heart failure when Jacqui was 12. After high school, she planned to become a nun but, after three years of study, found that her desire to have a child was too great. Soon, inspired by the work of Mother Teresa, Jacqui began working alongside children with disabilities in a foster home in India. "I didn't understand how anybody could look at these kids and see anything but beauty, vulnerability and innocence," she says.

> 'I tell her *can't* isn't one of our words'
> —JACQUI McNEILL, MOM TO EMILIA

The experience led her to begin the arduous process to adopt. It would take three years of court dates, evaluations, grants and side jobs to raise the $45,000 in fees. She was matched with Emilia in July 2020 and received her photo and file. "I remember opening her information and saw 'limb deficiency,'" says Jacqui. "Then I saw it was all four limbs." Her immediate reaction was fear, she admits, "but I knew that she was mine," she says.

The pandemic and other obstacles kept Jacqui from meeting Emilia in India until April 27, 2021, when they began their trip home to Wadsworth, Ohio. Emilia was nonverbal and often ill at first. "She can go from having a head cold to being really sick fast," Jacqui says. But with treatment and now weekly physical and occupational therapy, Emilia has learned to speak, play with toys and scoot up and down stairs. She draws and writes using her left shoulder and cheek and has learned to use a fork in the same way. Future prosthetics will be "up to Emilia," Jacqui says.

The McNeills start each day with a long snuggle, then Emilia attends preschool while Mom works as a behavioral therapist. "I didn't know what was missing until I got her," says Jacqui. "Now life has beauty and purpose." ●

Thriving Against the Odds "People are like, 'Oh, you let her roll on the ground?' Well, I don't let her. That's how she walks," says mom Jacqui of Emilia (at home, left, and at a local park).

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SUMMER TV PREVIEW

WHAT TO WATCH AS TV'S SEASON OF FUN HEATS UP

By **BREANNE L. HELDMAN**

STRANGER THINGS

Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Noah Schnapp

MAY 27 and JULY 1 on Netflix

A Beloved Thriller Back at Last

Almost three years after season 3, the hit about kids battling the supernatural is poised to dominate poolside chit-chat with a two-part release. Stars Noah Schnapp (left), 17, and Finn Wolfhard, 19, who play Will and Mike, can't wait.

What do you think about season 4 coming in two installments?

SCHNAPP We filmed for so long, so for someone to watch it in a day and be done is like…I think it's needed, to pace people.

What's different for Will and Mike?

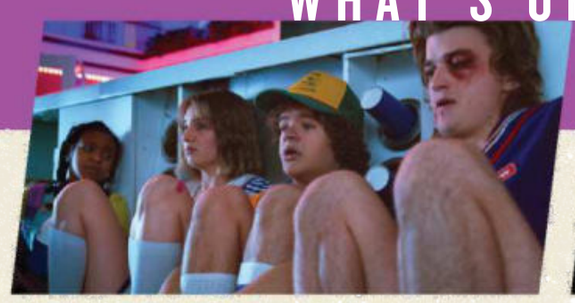
SCHNAPP People are used to seeing Will fighting a monster or struggling with the supernatural, but this is more about his personal struggles with his identity.

WOLFHARD Mike's kind of clueless, but he gets kicked into gear when someone that he loves is in danger.

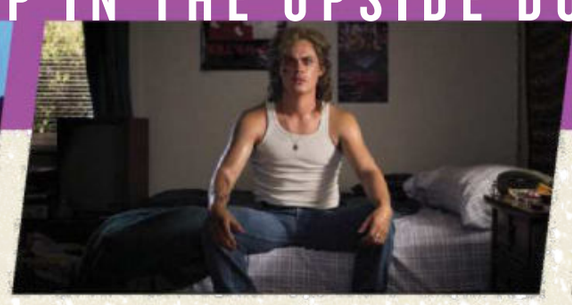
Are you proud of the men they're becoming?

WOLFHARD Definitely. They're working themselves out at the same time as an interdimensional war is happening!

WHAT'S UP IN THE UPSIDE DOWN? A SEASON 3 REFRESHER



Erica & Robin joined the hunt
The two (Priah Ferguson, left, and Maya Hawke) teamed up with the show's odd allies, Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo) and Steve (Joe Keery).



Billy got possessed
The Mind Flayer took over the body of Billy (Dacre Montgomery) and ultimately killed him, leaving younger sister Max (Sadie Sink) to mourn.

Jonathan & Nancy 4eva
Will's brother and Mike's sister (Charlie Heaton and Natalia Dyer) are still dating, despite Will's family leaving Hawkins.

Hopper & Joyce missed a date
Just after Joyce (Winona Ryder) agreed to dinner, Hopper (David Harbour) appeared to die—but was taken prisoner by Russians.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: NETFLIX(5); CHRISTOPHER POLK/SHUTTERSTOCK

ALL RISE

Simone Missick, Wilson Bethel
JUNE 7 on OWN

Oprah Saved My Show!

Legal drama *All Rise* was canceled by CBS, then picked up for season 3 by the Oprah Winfrey Network. Simone Missick, 40, who stars as Judge Lola Carmichael, feels the fresh start was "meant to be."

Have you had the chance to connect with Oprah?
She attended our virtual table read. If we still had answering machines, I would make my message Oprah saying, "The house of Simone Missick!"

What can fans expect to see?
Our theme is new beginnings. And we can curse and lean into reality in a way that sometimes network TV can't.

What does it mean to you, as you play a Black judge, to see Ketanji Brown Jackson join the Supreme Court?
What we see is what we think is possible. Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is the ultimate possibility.

—CHRISTINA DUGAN RAMIREZ

THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY

Lola Tung, Tom Everett Scott
JUNE 17 on Amazon Prime Video

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HOUSE OF THE DRAGON
AUG. 21 on HBO
Set 200 years before the events of Game of Thrones, the prequel series tracks the beginning of the end for House Targaryen.

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FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC: THE ORIGIN
JULY 9 on Lifetime
This prequel follows Olivia Foxworth (Jemima Rooper) before she locked anyone in her attic. Kelsey Grammer and Harry Hamlin also star.

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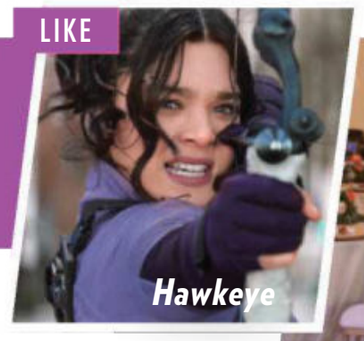

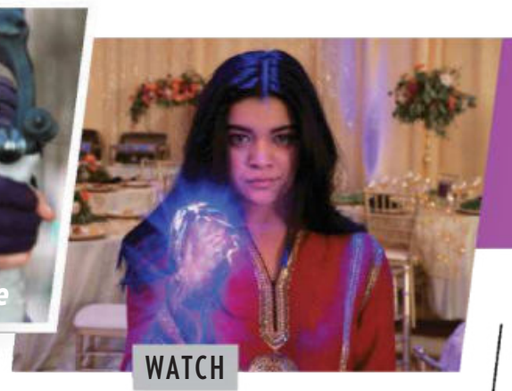

WATCH

MS. MARVEL • JUNE 8 on Disney+
Newcomer Iman Vellani is Kamala Khan, a 16-year-old high school student, avid gamer and Captain Marvel fan—who suddenly has the power to harness cosmic energy.

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THE TERMINAL LIST
JULY 1 on Amazon Prime Video
In this conspiracy thriller, Chris Pratt plays a Navy SEAL with conflicting memories about a deadly incident, with Taylor Kitsch as his best friend. Insists showrunner David DiGilio: "The biggest movie of the summer is actually an eight-episode streaming series."

Hit YA Books Inspire a Sweet Family Drama

Based on the bestselling novels by Jenny Han (who also wrote the *To All the Boys*… series), Prime Video's multigenerational YA drama *The Summer I Turned Pretty* follows teen Isabel "Belly" Conklin (Lola Tung) through a season of navigating first love, first heartbreak and an evolving relationship with her mother. As the lead in her first major role, New York City native Tung, 19, can relate. "Belly is creating her own path and finding her independence—and I'm still in that period where I'm sort of coming into my own as well," she says. As for Belly's complicated love triangle with her lifelong friends, brothers Jeremiah (Gavin Casalegno) and Conrad Fisher (Christopher Briney), Tung teases, "I'm Team Belly."

—JULIA MOORE

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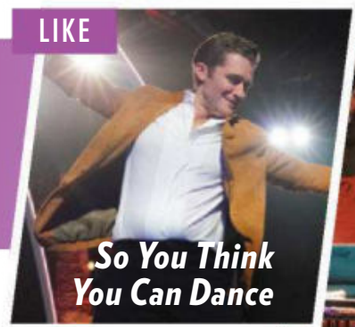


WATCH

DANCING WITH MYSELF • MAY 31 on NBC
Fox's SYTYCD is back after three years—but NBC's new shake-it show is inspired by viral dance challenges on social media. Shakira, Nick Jonas and Liza Koshy judge.

SUPER SOPHOMORES

This summer's most anticipated season 2s

ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING
JUNE 28 on Hulu
Charles (Steve Martin), Oliver (Martin Short) and Mabel (Selena Gomez) are about to face murder allegations—and a competing podcast!

CHAD
JULY 11 on TBS
Self-centered Chad Amani, 14 (played by creator and *SNL* alum Nasim Pedrad, 40), develops a crush on confident Mona (Sara Malal Rowe).

PHYSICAL • JUNE 3 on Apple TV+
After launching her first fitness video, Sheila (Rose Byrne) faces new obstacles, including the charismatic Vinnie (Murray Bartlett).

DEVILS • JUNE 30 on The CW
Patrick Dempsey's Dominic Morgan has to reteam with his former mentee (Alessandro Borghi) in this high-stakes financial thriller.

P-VALLEY
JUNE 3 on Starz
Uncle Clifford (Nicco Annan, left) and Autumn (Elarica Johnson) battle for control of strip club The Pynk as new dancers shake things up.

Open Heart
"I'm always here," says Jodie Martin (at her cafe in Minden, La.).

Her Louisiana Cafe Helps Recovering Addicts

SERVING SECOND CHANCES

Twenty-five years after she kicked drugs and alcohol, restaurant owner Jodie Martin gives jobs to women struggling to stay sober in her community

By **K.C. BAKER**

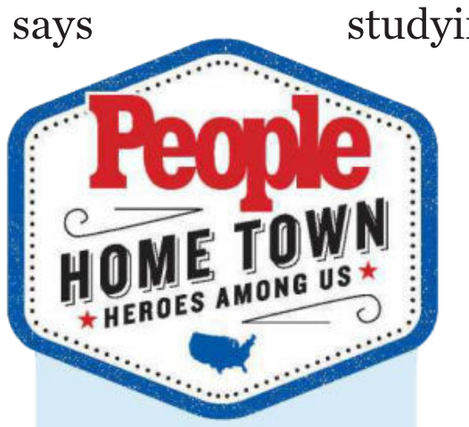
Friends of Jodie Martin say they can always count on her generosity. Back in high school, when she discovered she had access to a savings account her parents had set up for her, she began "withdrawing a lot of money on the weekends and taking all my friends out and got in really big trouble with my dad," says Martin, 51, with a laugh.

So it came as a surprise to nobody in her Minden, La., hometown when Martin, the chef and owner of Geaux Fresh Bistro & Bakery, reached out to the local Generation House, a residence for women who have completed a substance abuse recovery program, started by one of Martin's church friends. "It just resonated with me," says Martin, who has stayed sober for 25 years and says her faith helped her kick her own drug and alcohol addictions. "I said, 'These are people I need to help.'"

Since then Martin has hired nearly a dozen women from Generation House to work at her bustling cafe, offering steady employment in a safe space to recovering addicts who often have trouble finding a job. On any given afternoon at Geaux Fresh, a team of four or five of the women can be found in the kitchen chopping vegetables, baking pies and preparing salads, wraps and paninis.

More importantly, they are learning to cope with the stress of work and reentry into society without falling back on drugs and alcohol, says Martin, who is featured in *Home Town Kickstart Presented by People*, the new HGTV series honoring people making a difference in their communities.

"With me as a boss, it's never about an employee's skills," Martin explains. "It's about allowing them to start putting their hand to something so they can build confidence in themselves. It's about teaching them to live in victory over addiction."



For more on Jodie Martin and Geaux Fresh Bistro & Bakery, watch *Making Over Minden* on *Home Town Kickstart Presented by People*, May 29, 8 p.m. ET on HGTV and streaming on discovery+.

It's a lesson that Martin had to learn the hard way. A child of divorce, Martin grew up in Minden and by her early teens was drinking and doing drugs to blunt the pain and anger caused when her parents split when she was 7.

By her mid-20s "I knew I was losing control," she says. "I walked into a bar one night and looked around and realized I knew more than six people, so I dropped a beer bottle in the trash and never picked up a drink again."

She credits her Christian faith and the support she received from fellow churchgoers with giving her the hope and strength to break her addiction to drugs. Then, inspired by a sermon delivered by a guest minister at her church, she put her passion for baking to work selling cheesecake by the slice, eventually growing the business into her popular restaurant. She runs Geaux Fresh with her husband, Devin Martin, now 47, whom she met while studying at Bible college in Oklahoma. Says Martin: "God intervened in my life."

Today Martin is now planning to "getting bigger and busier" so she can hire more women who need a helping hand. She says she understands how difficult the struggle against addiction can be—and how hard it is to break bad old habits and rebuild your life: "I want to make sure I have a place for them, because I don't want to turn anybody away." ●

SHARING STORIES, CHANGING LIVES

"We work as a family," says Jodie Martin (above, meeting with staff at Geaux Fresh). As the head of that group, Martin leads a daily prayer and teaches high-standard "flawless" food-prep techniques and friendly customer service. She's also there to lend advice or let a staffer vent. "There's always somebody crying over a hard time," says Martin, "and that's always allowed."

Well-Deserved Renovation
Martin (center) on the show, with, from left, daughter Ava, 14, son Alex, 17, Devin and HGTV's Mike Pyle, Carmine Sabatella and Page Turner.

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25 THINGS TO DO, EAT & SEE!

ADD THESE FUN FAVES TO YOUR BOOK-IT LIST THIS YEAR! *By* **SONAL DUTT**

1 Scope Out the Best Views in San Francisco

Built over two active freeway tunnels, the 14-acre Presidio Tunnel Tops (opening in July) will have postcard-worthy views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and the downtown skyline—along with trails, meadows dotted with native plants and walkable waterfront access for the first time in 80 years.

2 Dig Into Viet-Cajun Cuisine

The South meets Southeast Asia at Houston's Crawfish & Noodles, where owner-chef Trong Nguyen, who moved to Texas from Vietnam as a teenager, tosses Louisiana-style boiled crustaceans in a buttery bath of ginger, lemongrass and peppery spices.

3 Live Like a *Yellowstone* Cowboy

Surrounded by spectacular wide-open vistas, rolling hills and snow-capped mountains, the Chief Joseph Ranch in Darby, Mont., is the real-life shooting location for the Dutton Ranch on the Paramount series. Book a stay in the same cabin where Rip (Cole Hauser) and Beth (Kelly Reilly) lived, and explore the working barns and corrals where John (Kevin Costner) takes care of family business.

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4 Cook Up *Home Town* Flavor

Erin and Ben Napier have transformed their small town of Laurel, Miss., making over its charming homes one by one over six seasons of their HGTV series. They've also turned the area into a popular destination for fans, who stroll the historic district, snack around Scotsman Food Truck Park and visit the couple's two shops: Laurel Mercantile and Scotsman General Store. For a taste of Laurel anywhere, make Erin's favorite spaghetti dinner, which she features in her *Family Recipes & Stories, Vol. 1* cookbook.

Laurel Mercantile sells locally made home goods picked by Erin and Ben!

Watch the Napiers' new series *Home Town Kickstart Presented by PEOPLE* on HGTV and streaming on discovery+.

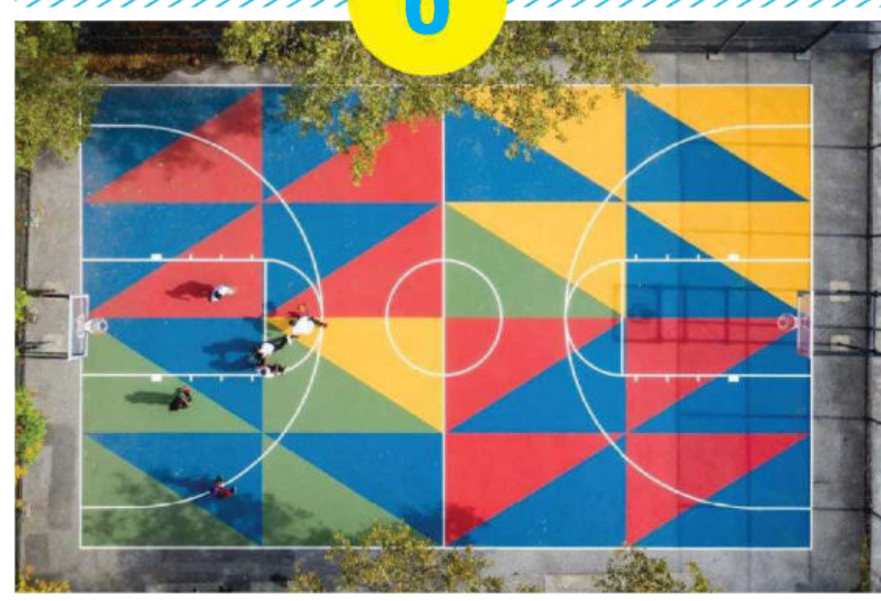
Spaghetti & Meatballs

- 1 lb. ground chuck
- 1 lb. ground pork
- ¾ cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 oz. Parmesan cheese, grated (about ¾ cup)
- ½ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, divided
- ¼ cup whole milk
- 6 garlic cloves, minced (about 2 Tbsp.), divided
- 2 large eggs
- ½ tsp. kosher salt, divided
- ½ tsp. black pepper, divided
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 (28-oz.) cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 (28-oz.) can whole peeled plum tomatoes
- ½ cup (4 oz.) dry red wine
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 2 lbs. uncooked spaghetti

1. Combine ground chuck, pork, bread crumbs, Parmesan, ¼ cup parsley, milk, 1 tablespoon garlic, eggs and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper with your hands. Roll into 1½-inch balls; place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Freeze until firm, 10 minutes.
2. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium high. Working in 2 batches, brown meatballs on all sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Do not wipe pot clean.
3. Reduce heat to medium. Add onion and 1 tablespoon garlic; cook, stirring often, until translucent, about 6 minutes. Stir in crushed and whole tomatoes, wine, ¼ cup parsley, sugar and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Simmer, breaking up tomatoes using the back of a spoon, for 20 minutes. Stir in meatballs; reduce heat to medium low, and simmer 1 hour.
4. Cook spaghetti according to package directions, and top with meatballs and sauce.
Serves: 8 **Active & total time:** 2 hours, 10 minutes

5 Go Sledding in the World's Largest White-Sand Dune Field

It may look like snow, but White Sands National Park is actually blanketed in supersoft gypsum mineral powder. Hike, sled and make sand angels in the wavelike dunes that engulf 275 sq. miles of New Mexico desert.



6 Play Ball on a Work of Art

In an effort to renovate public basketball courts around the country, nonprofit Project Backboard partners with local artists to reimagine the surfaces into colorful, one-of-a-kind—and playable!—murals.

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The Frozen Lychee 'Mar-Tea-Ni' is made with green tea-infused vodka!

7 Raise a Glass to Dolly Parton

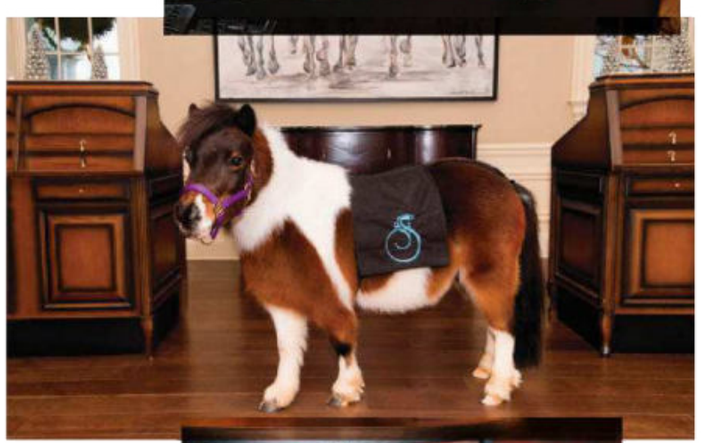
It's a glitzy, Dolly-themed wonderland at Nashville's White Limozeen, named for and inspired by her hit 1989 album. Sip cocktails under fringed hot-pink umbrellas, lounge in the rooftop pool, and take selfies in front of a 10-ft.-tall Dolly sculpture made of pink chicken wire.

8 Eat a Classic Juicy Lucy Burger

There may be a disagreement about who first created the famous Minnesota regional sandwich (both Matt's Bar and the 5-8 Club in Minneapolis claim to have invented it in the 1950s). But there's no argument that a core of hot, melty cheese stuffed into a juicy beef patty makes the burger legendary.

9–12 Check Into a Hotel With a Pet-in-Residence

He's the eighth Algonquin cat to be named Hamlet!



Kitty Jacob Astor II

St. Regis Aspen

The playful Bernese mountain dog welcomes guests as they arrive, hosts story time with kids and even helps with airport pickups.

Hamlet

The Algonquin, N.Y.C.

Named after onetime resident John Barrymore's greatest stage role, this sweet cat is the 12th feline to live at the hotel since the 1920s.

Cupcake

Salamander Resort & Spa, Middleburg, Va.

During "Cocktails With Cupcake" receptions, the friendly miniature horse tours the lobby looking for pets, snuggles and snacks.

Hairy

Bobby Hotel, Nashville

Look out for this *very* good boy's floppy ears as he dashes around the lobby to meet and play with visitors.

13 Ride the Fastest Multi-Launch Roller Coaster

Hold on *tight*! At Busch Gardens Williamsburg in Virginia, the new Pantheon coaster scales 180 ft. up into the air, drops down a sharp 95-degree angle and hits speeds up to 73 mph. Plus, it features four different launches—one of which rockets riders backward!

(BURGER) TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/GETTY IMAGES; (WHITE LIMOZEEN BAR) DIGITAL LOVE PHOTOGRAPHY; (FROZEN DRINK) MJ PHOTOGRAPHY

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Listen for the Sound of Silence

Shhhh! With its big-leaf maple trees, lichen-covered canopies and moss-draped logs, the Hoh River valley in Washington's Olympic National Park is one of the quietest spots in the contiguous 48 states.

15
Walk in the Footsteps of Real Dinosaurs

During a 30-minute hike on Copper Ridge Dinosaur Tracks Trail near Moab, Utah, you can touch three sets of well-preserved prints that date back to the Jurassic period.

The former oceanfront cottage was moved to a new location because of nearby construction.

21
Snack on Sweet Treats at the *Top Gun* House

When you feel the need (the need for dessert, that is), pop into the new High-Pie shop in Oceanside, Calif., located in the fictional home of Charlotte "Charlie" Blackwood (Kelly McGillis), the love interest of Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) in the original 1986 movie. Order fruit-filled hand pies or minipies topped with fresh mascarpone ice cream.

16-20
Do a Celebrity Food Crawl in Las Vegas

The Bedford

Martha Stewart
Inspired by her country farmhouse, Stewart's soon-to-open restaurant at Paris Las Vegas will give diners a glimpse of how she lives, decorates and entertains at home.

Ole Red

Blake Shelton
The country star is bringing his honky-tonk eatery to the Grand Bazaar Shops. The four-story venue will feature a rooftop bar and a central stage for concerts.

M.Y. Asia

Martin Yan
At his upcoming spot at Bally's, the James Beard Award winner and legendary host of PBS's *Yan Can Cook* will offer dishes like Peking duck and noodles from China, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Vanderpump à Paris

Lisa Vanderpump
Designed to look like a luxe Parisian courtyard, the Bravo star's French restaurant at Paris Las Vegas is filled with velvet banquettes, crystal chandeliers and windows with rainlike effects.

Nellie's Southern Kitchen

Jonas Family
Food is a family affair at the MGM Grand. Kevin Jonas Sr., father of the Jonas Brothers, opens his ode to his grandmother's North Carolina-style cooking.

22
Take a Waterless Cold Plunge

Nestled within the Pocono mountains of northeast Pennsylvania, the Lodge at Woodloch's new Snow Room lets spa goers feel the wellness benefits of a frigid ice bath—but without the shock. The space, decorated with flake-covered trees and benches, allows crisp, cold air to quickly cool the body in a gentle and pampering way.

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Shred the Gnar at the Largest Skatepark in the U.S.

B.Y.O.B. (bring your own board) to Lauridsen Skatepark in Des Moines, an 88,000-sq.-ft. space with Olympic-caliber courses, a ¼-mile-long promenade and a skateable sculpture.

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Tour Kentucky's Bourbon Country

Located about an hour outside Louisville, the bucolic area of lush bluegrass fields and grazing horses boasts some of the world's best bourbon makers and distilleries—including Woodford Reserve, the official bourbon served in mint juleps at the Kentucky Derby.

(SWORDFISH KEBOBS) JENNIFER CAUSEY, PROP STYLIST: CHRISTINA DALEY, FOOD STYLIST: MARGARET MONROE DICKEY; (STRAWBERRY MOON) ALICA GAO; (WILLIAMS) FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES; MIKE GUSTAFSON M//DESIGN

The pair also own Swan restaurant in Miami's Design District!

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Spot the Stars at a Celebrity Hot Spot

You can't help but feel *happy* at Pharrell Williams and restaurateur David Grutman's Strawberry Moon, a pastel-hued island oasis in Miami's Goodtime Hotel. Soak in the cool South Beach vibes while feasting on Mediterranean mezzes, pizzas and kebabs—like these grilled fish skewers with a fiery Yemenite herb sauce.

Grilled Swordfish Kebabs With Zhug Sauce

- 4 green cardamom pods
- 2 tsp. black peppercorns
- 2 tsp. coriander seeds
- 1 tsp. cumin seeds
- 6 garlic cloves, smashed
- 4 serrano chiles, seeded and sliced
- 3½ tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 2 cups chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1½ cups chopped fresh cilantro leaves and stems
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 lbs. swordfish, skinned and cut into 1½-in. pieces
- Flaky sea salt, for serving

1. Soak 8 bamboo skewers in cold water, 30 minutes. Preheat a grill or grill pan to high (450° to 500°).
2. Remove cardamom seeds from pods; discard pods. Toast cardamom seeds, peppercorns, coriander and cumin in a small dry skillet over medium heat, shaking skillet often, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a mortar and pestle; pulverize into a coarse powder, about 1 minute. Add garlic, chiles and 1 teaspoon of the salt. Pound together until a paste forms, 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Transfer chile paste to a food processor; add parsley, cilantro, olive oil and ½ teaspoon of the salt. Process until mixture is combined, 1 to 2 minutes. Set aside until ready to serve.
4. Sprinkle swordfish pieces with remaining 2 teaspoons salt. Thread 3 to 4 pieces onto each skewer, leaving a slight gap between them. Transfer kebabs to hot oiled grill grates; grill until lightly charred, 3 to 4 minutes per side. (If fish is sticking, cook 1 to 2 more minutes. It should release easily once fully cooked.) Transfer kebabs to a platter. Drizzle with olive oil and a pinch of flaky salt; serve with zhug sauce.

Serves: 4 **Active time:** 25 minutes
Total time: 55 minutes

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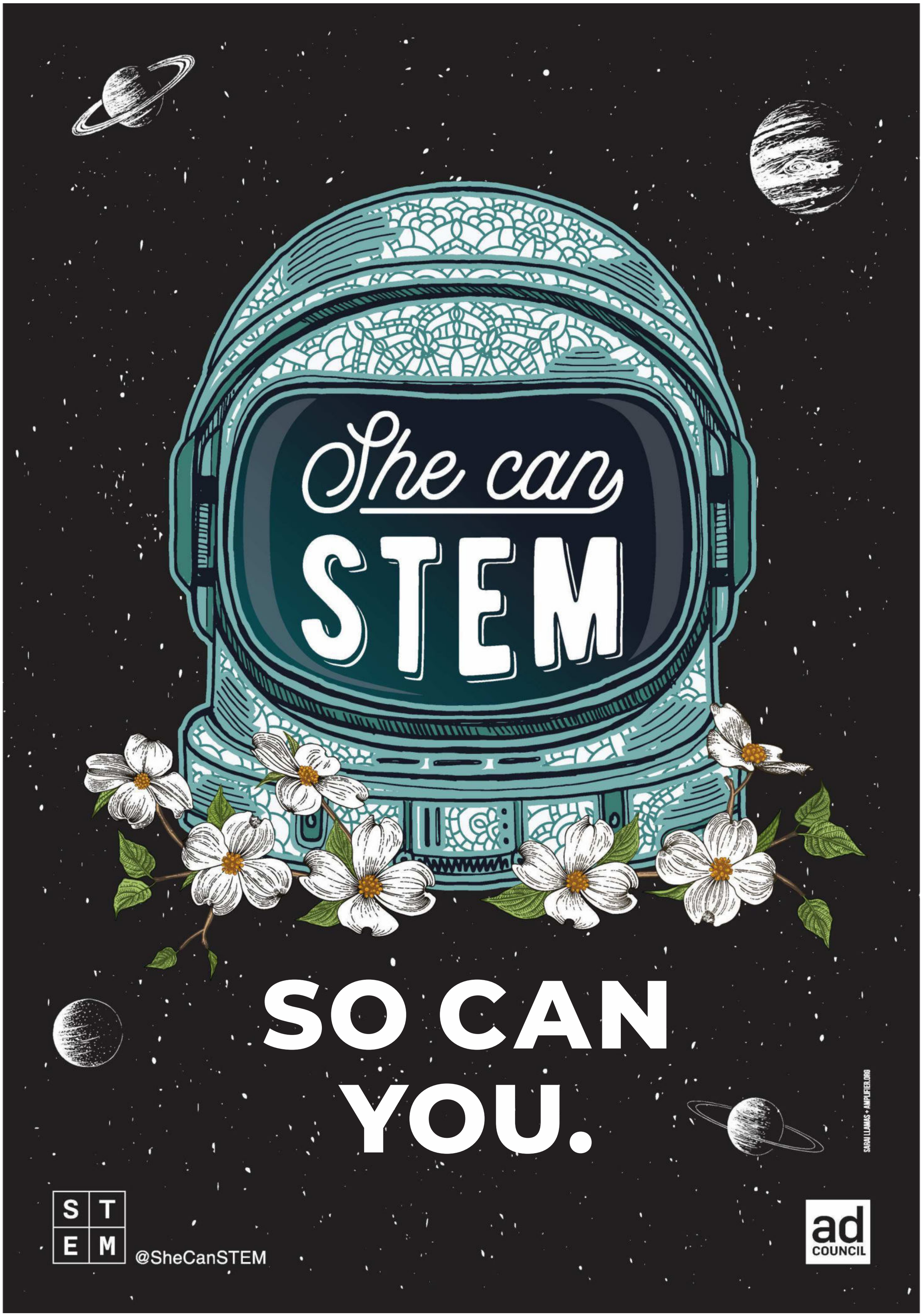
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The fabric provides UPF-50 sun protection

Lands' End, $100; landsend.com

TIE WAIST

Hermoza, $138; thehermoza.com

Aerie, $55; ae.com

Calia, $75; calia.com

SHOULDER TIE

Draper James x Lands' End, $115; landsend.com

Old Navy, $45; oldnavy.com

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UNDERWIRE

Boden, $125; bodenusa.com

Has added compression for a smoother fit

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Victoria's Secret, $75; victoriassecret.com

(DRAPER JAMES, GAP, LANDS' END, VICTORIA'S SECRET) BRIAN HENN(4)

People style

Chic Ways to Cover Up

THESE STYLES LOOK GREAT AT THE BEACH AND BEYOND

Christie Brinkley in a sun hat and cover-up on Instagram.

Monogram Mary Hat, $88; monogrammary.com

Hemlock Visor, $36; hemlock hatco.com

San Diego Hat Company, $45; sandiegohat .com

La Blanca Tunic, $69; nordstrom .com

Massimo Dutti Tank, $33; massimodutti.com

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WORTH THE SPLURGE

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Arlo Skye the Frame Carry-On Max: Aluminum Edition, $675; arloskye.com

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MOST DURABLE

Our testing involved drops from a six-foot ladder and whacks from a baseball bat. This bag took all the abuse with zero damage, inside or out.

Away the Bigger Carry-On with USB Charger Added $315; awaytravel.com

Stewart took "bamboo green" Rimowa bags to the Bahamas in December.

MARTHA'S FAVORITE!

Sleek, strong polycarbonate shells and a rainbow of available colors make this German brand the choice of jet-setters like Jessica Alba, Cara Delevingne and Martha Stewart (left). The inner divider is height-adjustable to keep contents of all sizes in order, and the bearing-mounted wheels allow for effortless rolling—no annoying tip-and-drags in the airport security line.

Rimowa Essential Cabin, $740; nordstrom.com

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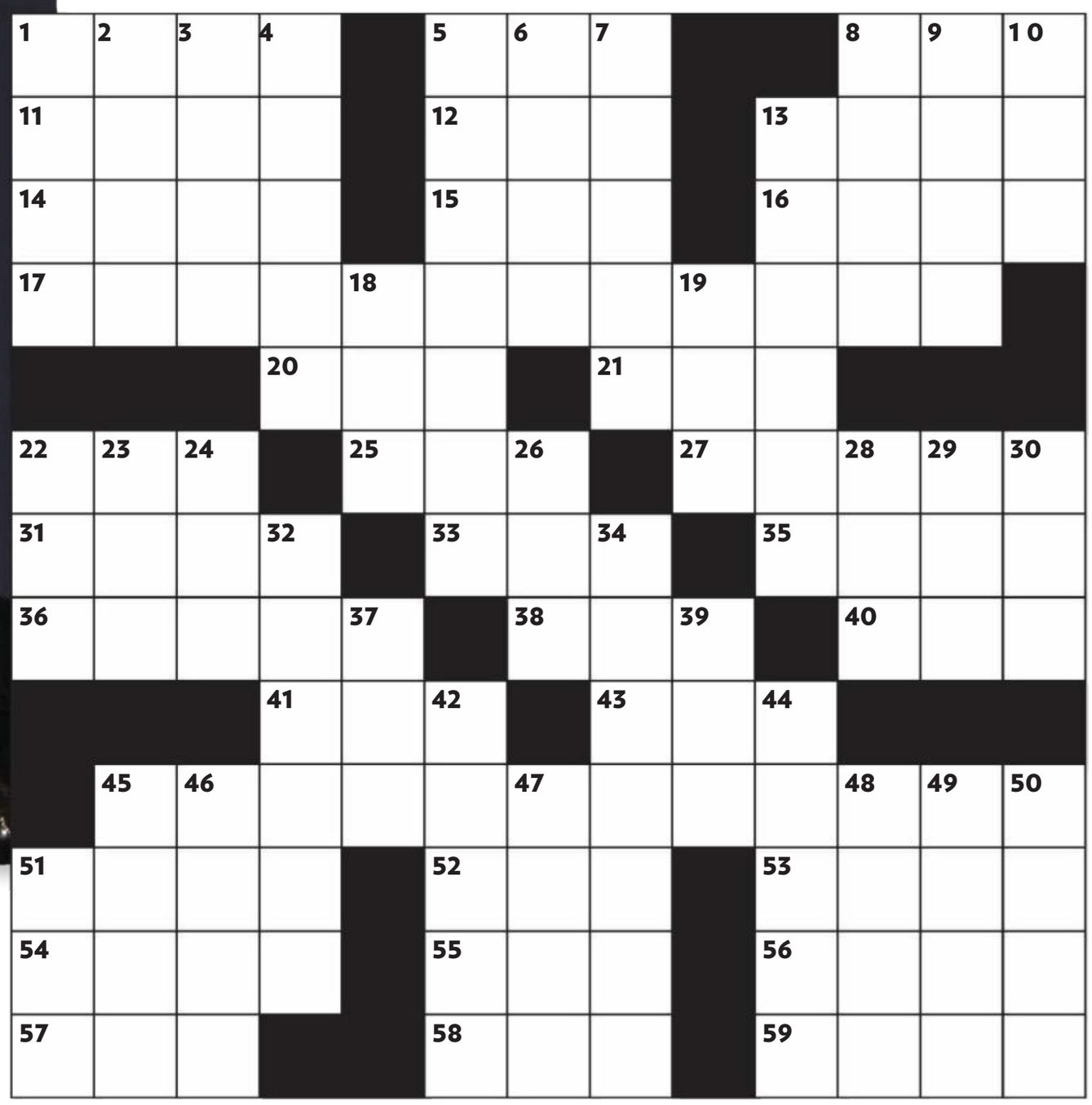

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12 Pie ___ mode (2 wds.)
13 *The Velvet* ___ (hit album by 17 Across)
14 Alternative rock’s ___ Trees
15 Author Anaïs ___, best known for her published diaries
16 *The* ___ *of Tammy Faye*
17 Singer-actress with a hit documentary bearing her name (2 wds.)
20 Animated film featuring a macaw named Blu
21 “When I Think of ___” (17 Across’s first No. 1 single)
22 “That’s the ___ Love Goes,” 1993 song by 17 Across
25 Psychic power
27 Frozen rain
31 Legislator and civil rights leader ___ Clayton Powell Jr.
33 Evening, to poets
35 Yew or ash
36 ___ numerals
38 Used to be
40 ___ *for You* (hit album by 17 Across)
41 Return on equity, for short
43 Gratuity
45 A star of *The Batman* (2 wds.)
51 A brother of 17 Across
52 17 Across’s “Got ’___ It’s Gone”
53 ___ Nastase of tennis
54 Prince William’s alma mater
55 Former N.Y. Giants QB ___ Manning
56 “___ You Much” (17 Across’s first platinum single)
57 Formerly named
58 Food Network star ___ Drummond
59 Devours

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1 The 23rd U.S. President, Harrison, for short
2 Brainchild
3 Soon; shortly
4 More rational
5 “Do You Know the Way to ___” (2 wds.)
6 Russian figure-skating champion ___ Kulik
7 House Speaker ___ Pelosi
8 Cellist ___ Ma (hyph.)
9 With ___ arms
10 Actor ___ Bentley
13 Consequence; outcome
18 ___ the knot (wed)
19 Boxing blows, for short
22 2021’s *The Tomorrow* ___
23 Commotion
24 Sweet spud, often confused for a sweet potato
26 Church seat
28 The big-band ___
29 Snakelike fish
30 ___ Aviv, Israel
32 A brother of 17 Across
34 Actress ___ Portman, who starred in the *Thor* films
37 Net operating income inits.
39 English title for Paul McCartney
42 Go into
44 ___-time TV
45 Refer to
46 ___-Missouria Tribe
47 Documents folder
48 Director ___ Kazan
49 *Schindler’s* ___
50 More’s opposite
51 ___ o’clock scholar

Answers to last week’s Puzzler

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By JOHN GREENMAN

See if you can find the differences in these two pictures

Actor **James Hong,** 93, center, celebrated his seven-decade career at his Star Ceremony on L.A.'s Hollywood Walk of Fame on May 10, with **Daniel Dae Kim** (left) and **Jamie Lee Curtis.** Kim had launched a campaign in 2020 to get a star for Hong—who was in *Blade Runner* and *Seinfeld*—heralding the "most prolific" actor's 672 credits (469 TV shows, 149 feature films, 32 short films and 22 videogames).

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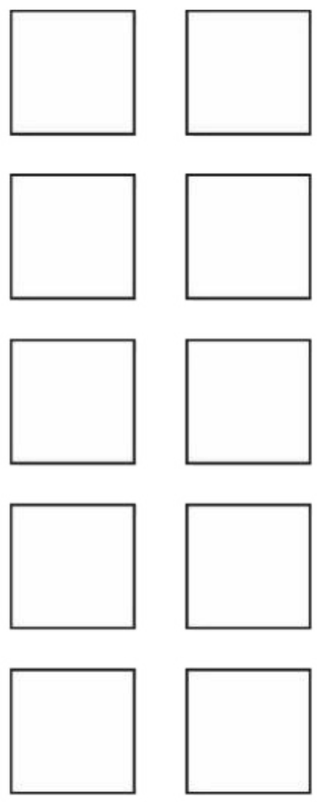
changes to keep score!



1. The white tennis shoe, far left, is gone. **2.** The words "Roosevelt Hotel" are no longer on the sign, top left. **3.** The logo on the podium behind Daniel Dae Kim, James Hong and Jamie Lee Curtis is green. **4.** There are now two microphones on the podium behind the group. **5.** The blue street sign behind Curtis has disappeared. **6.** The waistband on the lion dancer's pants, far right, is extended higher. **7.** The director's chair on the stage, right, is missing one of its wooden legs. **8.** The ring on Curtis's left hand is no longer there. **9.** The photo held by Curtis is filled in red. **10.** Hong's tie is purplish blue.

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Last time I danced
Last night while making dinner. My [1-year-old] daughter was in her activity center, which has a piano on it. She plays the keys, and we dance together. It's not a great song, but we love it.

Last indulgence
Really expensive strawberries that are artisanal or whatever. I was like, "This is ridiculous, but I have to know what everyone is talking about." And they're really that good.

Last thing a fan said to me
People usually just scream "Fiona!" [her character in *Shameless*] and point. I respond to her name. I played her for a decade; she feels like such a part of my soul.

Last moment of bliss
Going to the Caribbean with my family for Christmas and watching my daughter on the beach for the first time. Sorry, all my answers are my kid, my kid, my kid. But it was truly fun.

Last time I was missing someone
Oh, my daughter, like three seconds ago. I mean sure, it's nice not to be covered in yogurt, but if I'm being honest, I pretty much like being covered in yogurt.

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